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Interaction lacking in high-tech classrooms

By Tom Ayres '98
NEWS EDITOR

Ready or not, the future has arrived on the Hill. Two interactive classes now exist that employ high-tech video and audio connections to bring Colgate professors into Hamilton classrooms.

The Remote Collaboration Facility — located in Christian-Johnson 305 and opened in February of 1997 — is part of a pioneer project designed to offer educational opportunities not otherwise available. Despite its advantages, however, students complain of a lack of teacher-student connection and interaction that they have come to expect from a liberal arts education.

According to David Smallen, Director of Information Technology Services, the RCF was funded as part of a $847,000 grant that Hamilton received with Colgate in 1995 from the Carnegie W. Mellon Foundation. The total cost of the facilities at both colleges is approximately $200,000.

"These rooms have proven to be a creative and exciting aspect of the Mellon project," said Smallen. "The purpose of the rooms is to explore ways to encourage collaboration among faculty/staff and students at colleges and between these groups and experts outside of higher education."

As one of the first implementations of this technology in the liberal arts environment, it has already attracted considerable outside interest. In the Spring of 1997, a series of meetings and demonstrations involving representatives from Hamilton, Colgate, Middlebury and Skidmore were held to familiarize professors with the capabilities of the RCF. Looking towards the future, planning is underway for a collaboration between Classics faculty at Hamilton and Skidmore during the Spring of 1998.

Of the two courses currently being offered through collaboration between Hamilton and Colgate, one is an advanced course in parallel computing coordinated

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North speech packs Chapel

Students challenge speaker with Q&A

By Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, a prominent and controversial figure in recent American politics, gave his lecture "Conservatism in the 21st Century" to a packed audience Tuesday evening in the Chapel.

After an introduction by Tom McGovern '00, president of the Conservative Club, North expressed his appreciation for being invited to speak and took the opportunity to jokingly chide President Clinton.

"I wouldn't have missed this for all the contributions from China," he said, referring to recent Senate investigations that Clinton received Chinese funds for his re-election campaign.

In his lecture and question-and-answer session, North hit upon several hot topics in American politics. He began by posing a question to his audience, asking what they believed the greatest cause of anger in the world to be.

"The greatest cause of anger is unfulfilled expectations," said North. "In my experience of 54 years, 22 of them in the armed forces, this is the greatest cause I know of."

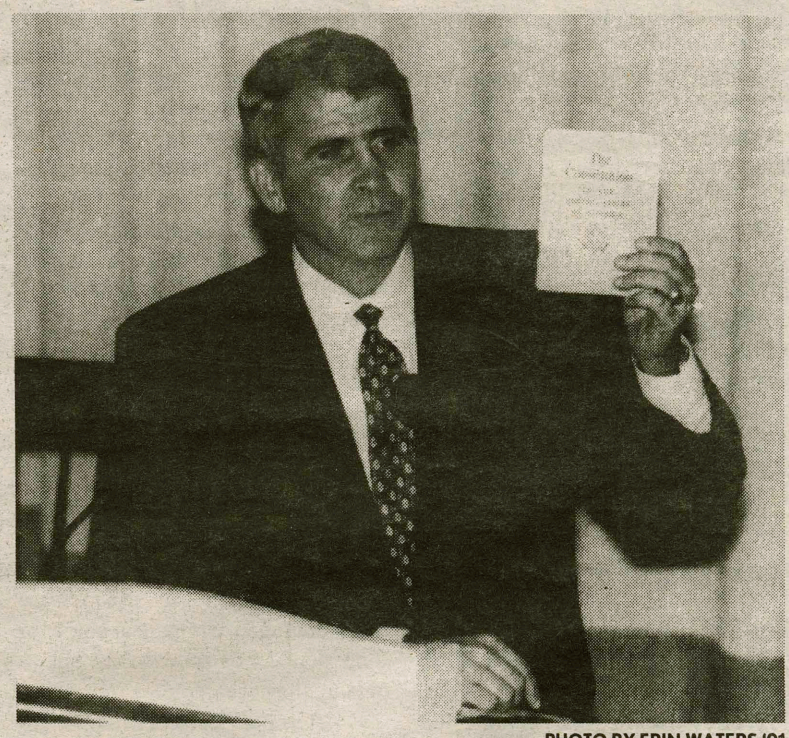

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Oliver North holds up a copy of the Constitution, which he said "doesn't give you any rights whatsoever."

Throughout the lecture, North stressed the importance of young adults of all ideological backgrounds to get involved in the political process.

"Unless you get engaged in politics, you may forfeit your future to

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SPECTACLES — Is there anybody in there?

PHOTO COURTESY SCOTT BRUSS '00

Sean Gass '99 demonstrates his EMT training on mock victim Adam Kelly '99. EMT's, recognized around the land this week, are prepared to step into action should they really discover someone passed out on the bronze map.

Oneida woman contrasts tradition, modern issues

By Scott Von Duhn '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Jan Malcolm came to the Chapel to talk with the students and faculty about her Native American heritage and community on Monday evening. Although less than a dozen people gathered to hear her, she did not compromise the quality of her lecture.

Malcolm is a Native American of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. Originally from the area around Hamilton, the tribe left in the early-nineteenth century in search of new land as white builders pushed them out of their homeland. The Oneidas became an officially recognized tribe when they bought three acres of land from the Winnebagos in their new home of Wisconsin.

She began by talking about the generation of teenagers today by holding up a cradle board, which is used to help a mother carry a baby. The women of the Oneidas warn that someday the "cradle boards will drag on the ground." Malcolm expressed her concerns over a trend towards younger and younger teenage pregnancies — particularly in the Oneida tribe — and her fears that some day the saying will come true.

"Every generation is smarter than the one before it," Malcolm said. "You must use your knowledge of what we have done wrong so that you will be better than us, and your children will have an even greater chance to improve the world."

She admitted her past struggles with alcoholism, and how the traditional tribal healing she received helped her overcome the vicious circle of self-abuse. This devotion to self-improvement supports her desire for her children not to repeat the mistakes she made.

Inspired by some of the stories she has read by other Native American women, she is presently working on a journal that she wants to publish someday.

"Right now, it is important to break down the stereotypes people have about Indians," said Malcolm.

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Siapno contrasts rights, Islam

By Kathy Webber '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hamilton was fortunate to have Jacqueline Siapno present a discussion entitled "Gender Islam and the State in Indonesia: A Historical Analysis of Power, Co-optation and Resistance" on Wednesday afternoon in the Events Barn. Saraswati Sunindyo, Irwin Chair in Women's Studies, The Kirkland Project, the Kirkland Endowment, Faculty for Women's Concerns, and the Department of History sponsored the event.

Kevin Grant, Visiting Assistant Professor of History, introduced Siapno, Professor of Asian and Women's Studies at U.C. Riverside. He described her work as "interdisciplinary in the extreme and best sense of the word." Grounding her theories in empirical analysis, Siapno uses a wide range of sources in her research including classical literature, folklore, and documented history. She also is able to work with documents in eight different languages. Siapno received her Ph.D. in Southeast Asian Studies from U.C. Berkeley.

After stepping up to the podium, Siapno said she felt honored to speak at Hamilton and jokingly commented on the cold weather.

Siapno gave a brief background on the political violence in Indonesia where religion is used as a political tool, and there is criminalization of independent movements. She explained the extensive surveillance in the country, where the government pays people to spy on others, thus instituting a system of mistrust.

"If you can trust your neighbor on one side and the other side, your mother, father, and brother, you are very lucky," Siapno explained.

According to Siapno, even though Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world with 85% of citizens being Muslim, many policies are anti-Muslim. Islamic groups are marginalized and condensed into one party.

Siapno addressed the oppression of women and explained how the Koran is interpreted by some as promoting male superiority, but also explained some of Chapter 4 which outlines women's rights.

In parts of Indonesia, women have been able to overcome subordination. Polygamy is rare and women receive priority in inheritances. Siapno shared some short narratives about how women use different strategies to have men fall under their spell or outwit soldiers. Women are also head of the house, and men are not encouraged to remain at home for long periods of time so as not to outstay their welcome.

After her lecture, Siapno accepted questions and comments. Many audience members contributed to the discussion. A Turkish economist drew an analogy between the Muslims in urban versus rural areas and the situation in Indonesia.

Linda Retallack '00 found the lecture intriguing and informative.

"I thought it was neat the way she showed the syncretism between the Indonesian culture and Islam," she said.

Siapno planned to hold a faculty seminar with a dinner to follow Thursday evening. Nancy Rabinowitz, Margaret Bundy Scott Professor of Comparative Literature, who attended the lecture, planned to attend the seminar.

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Tueday, Bloody Tuesday

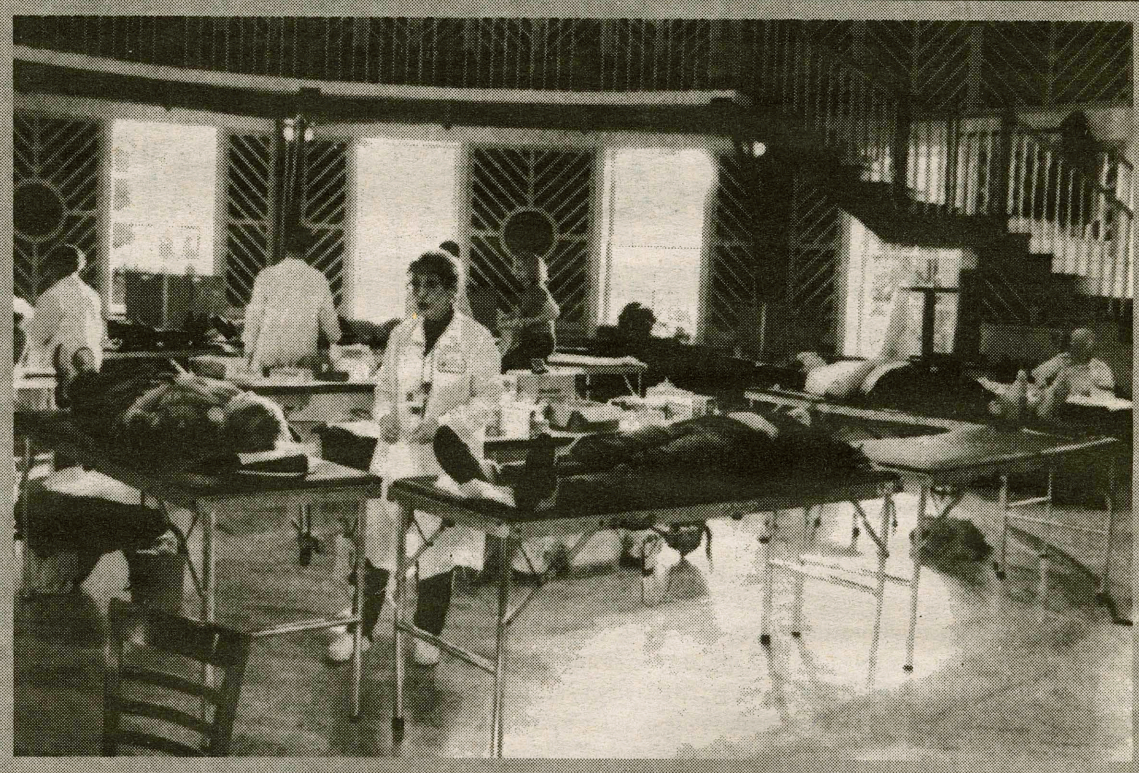

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

No, this is not a shot from this week's *X-Files*. It was the scene in the Barn on Tuesday where 120 community members gave blood to the Red Cross, exceeding the drive's goals.

Remote learning remotely successful, concerns remain

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by Professor of Computer Science Rick Decker and Colgate professor Chris Nevison. The other is an introductory Italian course.

Using equipment from Picturetel, the facilities support the use of dial-up two-way interactive video and audio connections between the RCF and any other suitably-equipped site. For the parallel computing class, Decker dials up Colgate, and the class appears on one of the two big television screens. Hamilton students watch and listen to Nevison on one TV and view slides and notes on the other. The cameras track the instructor automatically and detect the sound of a question and focus on the questioner. In this way, Nevison can hear and see the students and respond to question with only a second's delay.

"Other than the Colgate class isn't physically present, it's similar in many ways to a traditional class," said Decker. "It's a good way to get a course that might otherwise not be offered this semester, but it's not effective as being there."

Students in the class agree that remote learning provides them with a course they could not ordinarily take, but their critiques of the classroom environment focus on the lack of connection and interaction with the Colgate professor.

"I think the facility is great in that it provides us with a wealth of opportunities, but I also think it's very awkward and takes alot of getting used to," said Ryan Jones '99. "Even though we're encouraged to speak our minds and ask questions, it is much more difficult to be vocal when you're speaking to microphones and at a video camera. It's just not the same as a traditional classroom."

Ze Xi Cao '98 claimed that the class is essentially taught by a "TV box instructor," which makes it difficult to develop a one-on-one relationship with the professor.

"I think a think a personal relationship with the professor is very important, especially in a computer class where a student might not absorb all the information during class and needs time to talk things over during the professor's office hours," said Cao. "I find it very difficult and weird to ask or answer questions because I feel the 'TV box instructor' does not know me."

Cao cited difficulties in contacting the Colgate professor and found that consulting Decker was more productive than the interactive classroom environment.

"I have given up e-mailing Professor Nevison for help and just go to Decker. It would've been unbearably frustrating without Decker giving advice after class," he said.

Decker admits that remote learning has its place — it can provide an education to people who can't attend the class in person, for reasons of money, disability, lack of time or a host of other reasons – – but is not a substitute for actually being there," he said.

Nevison gives the lectures and designs the labs, but Decker must be present to hold office hours and work the labs in order to answer the students' questions. Yet, according to Ryan Luciano '99, the role of the Hamilton professor in the process is somewhat ambiguous.

"Professor Decker sits in the class everyday, so he is like a really smart teaching assistant," he said. "He knows tons about about computer science, but he does not know everything on the subject matter being taught in class."

Despite its drawbacks, the RCF offers the possibility of getting an internationally-known expert to give a guest lecture or even teach a whole course, provided that a sufficient facility exists at the other end and the instructor is willing to participate.

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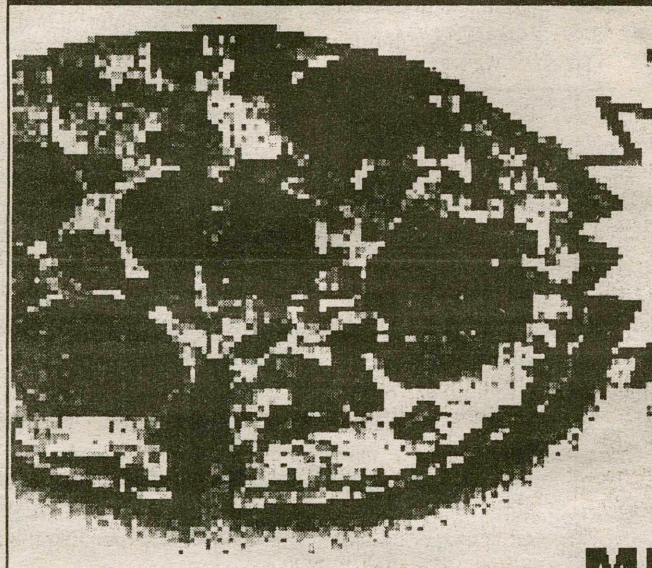

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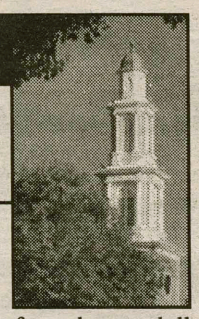

Race-related incidents rock Duke U.

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Just hours after a brown doll was found hanging from a tree in front of the Cambridge Inn, Black Student Alliance members gathered in the same location for a very different reason: To stage a "study-in" at the Allen Building to call attention to a list of historic demands they say have been left unmet for 30 years.

The protest-which BSA leaders said was unrelated to the earlier incident, an act they believe was a protest and not hate speech-was largely commemorative. Its results, however, were both pragmatic and, in the words of all involved, highly productive.

The crux of the students' complaints lay in what they perceive as the administration's inability to convert rhetoric about improved race relations into action.

"We have had our concerns obscured by the administration's meetings and task forces, which are characterized by a lack of direction and roles that are changing and unclear," said Trinity junior Marcus Simms, BSA vice president for black affairs.

By the time the three-hour event had run its course, however, administrators and BSA leaders had agreed to appoint a full-time director for the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture. They had also scheduled three issue-specific, action-oriented meetings: On Nov. 17, they will discuss the Mary Lou Williams Center director search process and resource requirements. On Nov. 24, they will discuss undergraduate admissions issues, including the establishment of additional scholarships for black students. Finally, on Dec. 8, they will discuss amending the Black Faculty Initiative, which could entail formalizing the recruitment process.

"Three meetings in three weeks after 30 years of struggle," said Trinity junior Sariyah Buchanan, BSA executive vice president, after the meeting.

The event began at 11:00 a.m. when about 75 students gathered in front of the CI and then, after being debriefed by BSA leadership to remain silent throughout the event, filed two-by-two across the quadrangle and into the Allen Building. Once inside the waiting area of President Nan Keohane's office, they set about the business of being students: Dressed in skirts, slacks or suits, they worked on their calculus, organic chemistry or history. One student read "Native Son" by Richard Wright while another typed away on a laptop.

Colorado group targets alcohol advertising to battle binging

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — While visiting some of the local bars on a Thursday night, Rosemarie Spano, a senior civil engineering major, and some of her friends won T-shirts. They won the Goldschlager shirts for doing multiple shots of Goldschlager, not for doing a service to somebody or for running a race.

"It wasn't a big deal," Spano said. "It was a company promoting their product in a fun way to people at the bar. But I guess I can see how this kind of advertising with the cheap prices and free stuff promotes binge drinking."

And so do others.

Representatives from A Matter of Degree, the program at the University of Colorado sponsered by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, are targeting these types of promotions, saying that they encourage binge drinking and should be regulated with policies. However, CU student leaders say that the grant money should go toward more education about the effects of alcohol.

Defined by the American Medical Association as having more than five drinks in one night, binge drinking at CU is 40 percent higher than the national average, according to a study done by Harvard in 1993.

One of the goals of the program, CU Program Director Bob Maust said, is to level the playing field between the students and the bars and liquor stores.

"We need to do something about the messages that the local bars and liquor stores are sending, because right now it seems as though they are encouraging binge drinking with their drink specials and ads," Maust said. "I mean, what is the purpose of a 10 cent beer other than encouraging drinking and spending money? For the businesses, it's all about how much money they can make." The advertising that bars and liquor stores run has a direct effect on how much the students drink, Maust said.

From studies in Chicago, program directors found that raising the prices of alcohol and decreasing the amount of advertising have had an effect on the number of binge drinkers, said Sandy Hoover, the program's deputy director.

WORLD NEWS

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1,000 feared dead in Somalia floods

(AP) Heavy rain and swollen rivers roaring down from the mountains in neighboring Ethiopia hampered international efforts Thursday to rescue Somalis trapped by nearly a month of flooding.

As of Thursday night, 564 people had drowned in the flooded Juba Valley since the rains began Oct. 5, said UNICEF spokeswoman Lynn Geldof. She said relief agencies estimate the actual death toll may be more than 1,000.

Geldof also said that up to 1 million people in the Juba Valley — virtually the entire population of the region from the Indian Ocean in the south to the Ethiopian border in the north — had been affected in some way by the flooding.

In villages south of Baidoa, the situation was so bad that some residents climbed to the tops of trees to escape the flood waters — and have been stuck there for nearly a week, aid workers said.

Stockpiled food and emergency supplies have been threatened by rising waters, airfields have been flooded and bridges washed away. Relief workers have reported an outbreak of disease among livestock in Badhade, where at least 11,000 head of cattle have died.

In some places, land mines planted during Somalia's six-year civil conflict have risen to the surface, posing yet another hazard.

The Juba River Valley, 250 miles southwest of Mogadishu, is the breadbasket of Somalia. Floods have destroyed most of the harvested reserves and freshly planted sorghum, a staple grain crop.

The United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross have started flying in medicine, blankets and plastic boats to the three airstrips still above water.

The European Union said Thursday it was allocating $2.5 million to the Somali operation, and the United Nations is negotiating with France and Germany to get helicopters for an evacuation operation.

The faction leaders who rule this East African nation of 7 million — the same ones who forced out U.S.-led peacekeepers in 1995 — have appealed for more aid. But the bitterness remaining from that mission has made foreign governments and relief agencies reluctant to mount another large-scale effort.

Somalia has had no central government since January 1991, when clan-based factions ousted the late dictator Mohamed Siad Barre. Since then, the fighters have turned their guns against each other.

U.N. Security Council condemns Iraq

(AP) Refusing to let Iraq dictate who can inspect its weapons, the United Nations decided Thursday to withdraw all arms inspectors from Iraq after Saddam Hussein ordered Americans on the U.N. team out immediately.

But U.S. efforts to have the Security Council condemn the expulsion got bogged down for nearly eight hours over differences about the wisdom of withdrawing all the inspectors and a sudden, unrelated squabble between the United States and China over Tibet.

Shortly before midnight, the 15 council members finally issued a statement which condemned Iraq "in the strongest terms" for its "unacceptable decision" in expelling the Americans.

But instead of warning Iraq anew of "serious consequences" unless it cooperates with U.N. inspections, the final version simply recalled a statement last month that used the same phrase.

The decision to leave only a skeletal crew in Baghdad came after Iraq would not even let the six American inspectors stay until Friday, when they would have flown out with about 70 other weapons monitors.

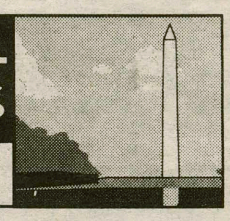
Instead, the Americans, plus an unspecified number of other team members, left Baghdad about 11 p.m. for a grueling overnight drive through the desert to Jordan. The Americans reached the border before daybreak Friday, and headed on to Amman, the Jordanian capital.

The chief U.N. weapons inspector, Richard Butler, also said U.S.-manned U-2 spy planes would keep flying over Iraq despite Baghdad's threats to shoot them down.

U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson declared that Iraq was in "open defiance" of the United Nations. "I think there are going to be some serious consequences," he said.

In Washington, President Clinton pledged to deal "in a very determined way" with the expulsion of the arms inspectors.

NATIONAL NEWS



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Congress adjourns for the year

WASHINGTON (AP) — A spent Congress fought its last, angry melees over U.N. dues and the 2000 census and adjourned for the year Thursday, capping a session that featured a bipartisan budget triumph and a trade setback for President Clinton inflicted by his own party.

In a typically hectic final day at the Capitol, lawmakers sent Clinton the three remaining spending bills for 1998 and concluded battles over overseas abortions and aid to countries with faltering currencies.

At the end of a session that produced the budget-balancing bill, partisan warfare over campaign finance and last week's Democratic revolt against Clinton's trade initiative, legislators mostly seemed happy it was over.

"Everyone has too long been away from home," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said, quoting former President Eisenhower's comment about the problems of Washington.

Signs of frayed nerves were everywhere. During debate on the census, Rep. Randy Cunningham, R-Calif., agreed to take back his words after telling a story about a poisonous snake that Democrats complained cast them as reptiles. And Democrats forced a roll call vote on the routine motion to adjourn, in protest of the relentless GOP investigation of the California election in which Democratic Rep. Lorreta Sanchez nosed out her Republican rival, former Rep. Robert Dornan.

Six weeks after fiscal 1998 began, The House voted 282-110 to approve the last of the new year's 13 annual spending bills to provide $30 billion for the departments of State, Justice and Commerce. Senate passage by voice vote sent the measure to President Clinton for his signature.

Researchers find HIV hides in blood cells

WASHINGTON (AP) — A drug "cocktail" that revolutionized the treatment of AIDS is unable to wipe out reservoirs of virus hiding in certain blood cells, researchers find in a discovery that dims hopes for a cure.

The finding means that patients may have to take the AIDS drugs for the rest of their lives — while hoping for new types of treatment to stamp out the final traces of infection by the virus that causes the disease.

Three separate teams of scientists reported finding evidence that the HIV virus lurks in inactive white blood cells in patients who have been taking the drug cocktail for up to three years and seem otherwise virtually free of the virus.

Two papers, by researchers from four different laboratories, will be published Friday in the journal Science. Another paper, by scientists at the National Institutes of Health, will be published later this month in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Combinations of drugs that block two enzymes that the HIV virus uses to reproduce have been enormously effective in stopping the infection. In thousands of patients, HIV virus in the bloodstream has been reduced to near undetectable levels, and CD4 blood cells, the principal target of HIV, have rallied to normal levels. The success of the drugs raised hopes by some experts that HIV could be eradicated completely from the bodies of patients.

"Although we held out hope that the eradication hypothesis might pan out, I don't think that people really thought it would," said Dr. Joel Gallant of Johns Hopkins University, one of the co-authors of a paper in Science.

Despite the disappointment, Dr. Robert F. Siliciano of Johns Hopkins said that studies did find good news. He said none of the latent viruses studied had developed a resistance to the drug cocktail that has so successfully controlled the infection.

This means, he said, that as long as HIV patients continue to carefully and diligently take the three-drug cocktail "they have an excellent chance of surviving the infection for a long time without developing symptoms of the disease."

Gov't. says 1-in-12 women are stalked

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new Justice Department study found a strong connection between domestic violence and stalking and concludes the problem is more widespread than once believed.

"Stalking is an act of terror that builds a prison of fear around its victims," Attorney General Janet Reno said in a statement Thursday.

Of those surveyed, 8.1 percent of women and 2.2 percent of men reported being stalked at least once.

SECURITY blotter

COMPILED BY JOE FREEMAN '00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

1:40 a.m.	Criminal mischief reported in Beinecke Village
3:32 a.m.	Smoke detector sets of fire alarm Dunham
6:10 a.m.	Malfunction sets off fire alarm Farmhouse
11:46 p.m.	Smoke detector sets off fire alarm in Bundy East

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

2:14 a.m.	Larceny reported in 3950 Campus Road
3:18 a.m.	Malfunction sets off fire alarm in Milbank
10:40 p.m.	Larceny reported outside McEwen Dining Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

2:44 a.m.	Pulled station triggers fire alarm in Dunham
10:38 a.m.	Smoke detector sets off fire alarm in Dunham
1:25 p.m.	Smoke detector sets off fire alarm in Griffin Road Apts.
2:00 p.m.	Medical emergency in 3950 Campus Road
10:15 p.m.	Pulled station triggers fire alarm in Dunham (2nd of day)
11:00 p.m.	Medical emergency in Dunham
11:44 p.m.	Medical emergency in ELS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:22 a.m.	Power surge sets off fire alarm McEwen Dining Hall
2:15 a.m.	Pulled station triggers fire alarm in Milbank
2:10 p.m.	Power failure in Bristol Pool area
7:00 p.m.	Larceny reported in Beinecke Village
8:00 a.m.	Criminal mischief reported Christian-Johnson

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

1:48 a.m.	Smoke detector sets off fire alarm in Griffin Road Apts. (2nd of week)
2:10 a.m.	Medical emergency in North
10:00 a.m.	Vandalism reported in Babbitt

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:30 p.m.	Auto accident in Bundy Circle

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30 a.m.	Medical emergency in Minor
10:21 p.m.	Aggravated harassment in Major

Students turn up heat on North

Event organizer calls questions 'insulting,' not 'challenging'

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those who believe government is everything," he said. "Do you realize that the legislative assemblies of today are dominated by people who have been there for over 15 years? The expectations we have placed on government are so excessive, they will never be fulfilled. The only way to combat that is to run for these offices yourselves."

North also spoke at length about the Constitution, and its strong Judeo-Christian roots.

"Our Constitution refers to individuals, not based on the color of their skin or their ethnic group," he said. "That concept of individual sovereignty and accountability is Judeo-Christian, and not included in any other constitution. It is that concept that allows the belief of the individual opportunity to practice any religion of choice."

"This Constitution doesn't give you any rights whatsoever. We have come to believe in this generation that it did. Those well-intentioned teachers and professors who taught you that were wrong."

North gave examples of what he felt to be the social erosion of the Bill of Rights, highlighting poor African-American single mothers "who have signed away their 4th Amendment privileges to live in public housing" and the 11:00 p.m. curfew for minors in Charlottesville, Virginia.

"Seventeen-year-old kids will be arming battle craft in the Persian Gulf tonight, those same seventeen-year-olds who couldn't walk down the city streets of Charlottesville," he said.

He ended with a story that was especially meaningful to him, that of a poor Missouri farmer whose land had been flooded and crops ruined. The man didn't plan on a relief check from the government to see his family through, but in what he and his neighbors could do to rebuild and take care of themselves.

"The way he talked about American citizens needing to stand up for themselves and not depending on the government was important," said Frank Sadler '01, a member of the Conservative Club.

He also addressed the current problem of the depletion of Social Security funds as another example of unfulfilled expectations.

"Over the next two years in America there will emerge a huge debate over Social Security," North said. "People my age will argue that YOU should work until you're blue in the face. In the optimistic prediction, you will have to give between 70 to 75 percent of your income to support my generation."

> **"The expectations we have placed on government are so excessive, they will never be fulfilled.**

Throughout the night, North had his audience laughing with his blunt opinions, referring to "Saddam 'The Nutcase' Hussein", and cutting one questioner off mid-sentence with, "So what's your problem?"

"I felt that the North speech was a huge success," said McGovern.

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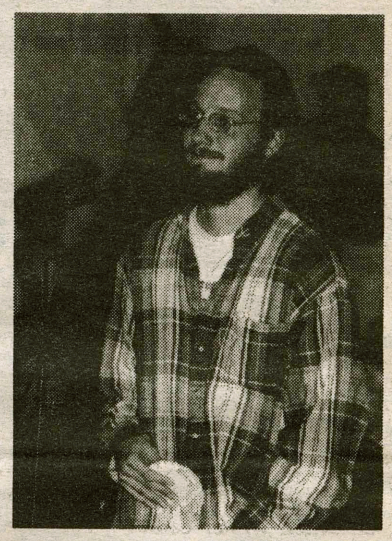
Veterans dressed in military attire for fellow soldier North's Veteran's Day Speech.



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Matt Sircely '98 awaits Oliver North's response to his question at Tuesday's speech.

"Over 500 people packed the Chapel and numerous others were turned away at the door."

According to McGovern, Oliver North was contracted to speak through the Young America's Foundation, a speaker's bureau that previously brought Alan Keyes and Robert Novak to campus.

During the question and answer session, things heated up and feathers were ruffled on both sides of the podium. Members of the Conservative Club were somewhat disappointed with what they considered a lack of respect towards North by some of the students who participated in the question and answer session.

"Instead of confronting North with informed questions and engaging in intelligent debate, many chose to spout misinformation and unsupported accusations with the sole purpose of insulting, rather than challenging, our distinguished guest," said McGovern. "Although almost everyone at the lecture behaved with the utmost decorum, the actions of this particular few did not convey a positive image of Hamilton to those individuals and veterans who traveled from off-campus to hear Oliver North."

"I felt bad for him," said Adam Craigie '01. "There were maybe two positive questions at most. They were up there to crucify him, which wasn't the point of the lecture. I thought he handled them very professionally."

"He definitely evaded some questions," said Tim Sapir '01. "I think he over-glorified our effort to stomp out communism, made it a holy war. But I did agree that people have lost sight of the foundations of this country, which I think he was implying."

Members of the Conservative Club had a chance to talk with North in an informal setting before the lecture at dinner in the Bristol Campus Center. It was also a chance to talk about Hamilton.

"He thought that Hamilton wasn't very different from other college campuses, it has its problems just like any other," said Sadler. "He believes that protest is a positive thing. We also talked about the fact that Hamilton doesn't have an American flag flying. He took a lot of offense to that: an American college not having a flag flying on Veteran's Day."

Malcolm surveys Oneida culture

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"Many people think that Indians are dirty, but just like any stereotype, you must try to see the real story."

She told of one story she knew, showing how a determined woman braved icy waters all winter long to clean herself and her home. She has spoken with many young people concerning the subject of what life was like before white settlers came into contact with the Oneida people.

In order to help everyone get a sense of what it must have meant to live as an Oneida before the advent of technology, she held up an animal fur and asked the audience, "What would you do when winter came? You know how cold it gets here. If there was no K-Mart, no malls, where would you find clothes? How would you keep your children from dying of frost-bite or pneumonia?"

The Oneidas were once part of the Iroquois Nation, or the Six Nations, whose people occupied what is is the state of New York today. One of their customs was to keep a continual fire in the longhouse where their chiefs met to discuss politics. Their constitution, the Tree of Peace, although not written, is just as complex and as carefully designed as our own.

The Tree of Peace contains strong images. The bundle of arrows represents their strength of unity, and the eagle is a symbol of vigilance. The peace pipe signifies the joining of man and woman, of being a balanced person, and having a balanced government. The sun is a circle of seven layers, and seven is a special number to the Iroquois. It symbolizes a cycle of events and makes sure that every person is responsible for the next seven generations.

She also talked at length about the different opinions that some Oneidas have about their heritage. She was not raised in the tribe and does not consider herself a traditionalist. In the tribe, however, children are taught the thirteen important ceremonies of the Iroquois people and are instilled with a rich background in their Oneida culture.

"Some people, like my aunt, still do traditional work of our people," said Malcolm. "My aunt makes pottery, and uses what she sees from the oldest pots and artifacts to inspire the form and design of her own. The idea of a pot having one use is a traditional idea, and it is one example of how we have managed to keep true to our cultural roots."

She talked for more than half an hour on her visit to Stuttgart, Germany, and to other parts of Europe and the United States. She traveled abroad in order to spread the truth about her own culture to other parts of the world, but ended up learning about other people and brought that knowledge back to her tribe in Wisconsin. She said that the exchange of ideas is the only way that people can overcome their stereotypes of each other. She finished on a powerful note, leaving her audience with some final words to consider.

"There are many cultures in this world, each with their own wonderful history and stories. There is a lot to be learned from the wisdom of other people; if you ever have the chance to travel, go and find out how they live. All you need to do is listen."

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Jan Malcolm displays Oneida handiwork at her lecture.

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RILEY'S Irregular Ramblings

Stress Relief: Steakin' Out

By Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES WRITER

A few weeks back I wrote a column offering suggestions about possible ways of relieving stress. These methods were taken to heart by a few people who I can still hear verbally abusing their textbooks as I walk through the halls of my dorm. However, a group of students wrote to me and complained that I had left out perhaps one of the most prevalent, and, in their opinion, the most effective form of stress relief. This activity involves the destruction of inanimate objects in a loud, enthusiastic manner, and is commonly referred to as "steaking out." My correspondents offered to share some of their experiences in this area with the public.

"Some people like to steak out by throwin' stuff or punchin' walls, but when I do it I like to use my head. See, I figger that's the part of my body that feels like it's stressed out, so the best way to help it is, y'know, go right to the source. When my head goes through a wall, I can just feel all the connections in there loosening up. Like, last Friday I took this big science test and got real stressed out, so I decided to let loose. That night, after I put my head through a big screen T.V., I forgot all about that test -- I even forgot what science class I was takin'."

"I hear a lotta complaints about us steakouts, 'cause we cause a lot of damage to the dorms that everyone has to pay for. My solution to that is to go out and find stuff in the woods that no one has to pay for, and just start hittin' it. Believe me, after you hit a rock for an hour and a half with your fist, tryin' to break it in two, writing a paper doesn't seem like such a hard job. Once I just got into punchin' the ground for a while, until these long-haired dudes came along and said I was damaging insect and plant species, and I started throwin' rocks at 'em until they went away. That made me feel a lot better, until I realized I'd have to pick up all those rocks and clean my fingerprints off 'em. Then I realized that would be impossible, so I just broke all the rocks after I found 'em."

"Once someone saw me steakin' out with some beer bottles behind my dorm, and they told me I should do somethin' constructive with my feelings and energy, like write a poem or draw a picture. So I drew a picture of me throwin' bottles at the people who talked to me. Then I wrote a poem underneath it, that said: 'I work all week and need to unwind,/ Steakin' out's a perfect remedy, I find,/ I need to wreak havoc before I go to bed,/ Why don't you losers stop movin' around so I can hit you in the head?'"

"Steakin' out's a way of gettin' back to your roots. Our ancestors who used clubs to hunt for wooly mammoths and get women had the right idea. If you're frustrated with the way the world's treatin' you, you need to show some of this stuff around you who's in control. When my computer wouldn't give me wider margins when I was writin' a paper, I just stepped back, took a deep breath to calm myself, then ran across the room and headbutted the *$#@%& screen. You shoulda seen the size of those margins after that -- I couldn't even see what I'd written anymore, and there weren't any more stupid spelling errors either."

IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR A FUTURE *FACE IN THE CROWD*, EMAIL YOUR SUGGESTION, ALONG WITH A BRIEF SUMMARY DESCRIBING WHY YOU THINK THIS PERSON OR GROUP SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED, TO SBYRNE.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Stacey Kutish '98

By Shauna Wreschner '00
FEATURES WRITER

Stacey Kutish '98 is the antithesis of the apathetic student. Not only is Kutish a Residential Advisor, she also takes part in many other programs on campus such as the Asian Cultural Society, Admissions and the Daily Bull.

Kutish is a Residential Advisor in the Keehn Co-op this year and has been since the spring semester of last year. Kutish requested to be placed in the Co-op in the fall, but was placed in Milbank. When another R.A. took a personal leave of absence, she was able to move to the Co-op. The popularity of the Co-op changes year to year among R.A's and with her experience from last semester she had no trouble getting in this year. "I am very happy R.A.-ing in the Co-op. My advisees are wonderful," she says.

Kutish is also on the Officers Board of the Co-op, which functions a little differently from the other residence halls. The Co-op, like a few other residences on campus, serves food to its residents, however that is where the similarity ends. The students in the Co-op do not have the food prepared for them, they buy the food and plan and make the meals themselves. They also receive the bills and publications from other college campus Co-ops directly, which is where Kutish comes in. Her job on the Board is to collect their mail, bills and publications. The Officers meet once a week and on Mondays they discuss issues with the entire Co-op community.

One of her favorite things about the Co-op is the loyalty the students have there. Since the Co-op has its own housing lottery each year, students must choose to live there. Further preference is not only given to upperclassmen but to people already living in the Co-op. Kutish is not surprised when she sees postcards in the mail from past "Coopers" in the mailbox addressed "to the Co-op" because everyone knows everyone else and they form a tight community.

Kutish is the editor of the Daily Bull this year as well. "I feel the Daily Bull is a resource that has been under used and abused in the past. It is a good source of information-sharing for a school our size," she says. She got involved because she felt that the way the "Bull" had been handled in the past was very disappointing. She called to get information about it, and ended up applying to the Media Board and getting the editorship. Kutish is glad that she was able to take direct action to improve upon the problems she saw in the "Bull."

PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUSS '00

At the end of last semester Kutish applied to be a Senior Interviewer for the Admissions office and was selected. She feels it is a "great honor" to "have a hand in shaping the class of 2002. She says, "I really enjoyed it. I expected to find it satisfying, but I really like it." She enjoys keeping in touch with the candidates she interviewed by phone and email.

Kutish is also the Vice President of the Asian Cultural Society (ACS). She joined the group her first year after having taught E.S.L (English as a Second Language) to foreign students for five summers at the Wyoming Seminary in Pennsylvania.

At the school she was a house mother, held daily "conversation classes" and planned a full year of American holidays for a six week summer session, starting with the Fourth of July. This helped students with acultural culturation, which means helping them adjust to an entirely different culture or way of life.

At Hamilton she became interested in ACS because she found many of her students that went off to college or preparatory schools were having a lot of transitional problems. She thought that in the ACS she would find people with similar experiences and pass that along to her former students. She found much more.

Kutish and other members of the ACS plan activities such as the Multicultural Weekend activities. The Asian Cultural Society is the only activity in which Kutish has been involved for all four years she has been on the Hill.

Looking back on all this, one idea that upsets her is the idea of "apathy on the Hill. I've been hearing the word 'apathy' on campus a lot, in the RHC survey, admissions, multicultural organizations etc. I have a problem with that idea, because I am a Hamilton student and I don't consider myself apathetic. I know a lot of other people in the same boat as well."

"I challenge the idea that Hamilton College students as a whole are apathetic. This fall I saw initiatives from groups and individuals on campus. The beginning of 'Safe Walks' and a PFLAG chapter have renewed my faith in Hamilton. When we concentrate our efforts we see how much strength we have as a campus."

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HCEMS recognized for dedicated service to the community

By Sarah Byrne '00
FEATURES EDITOR

You've all seen them. They're the ones that carry the fashionable bright orange bags around. They're our very own Hamilton College Emergency Medical Technicians.

November 9-15 marked the first annual National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation (NCEMSF) EMS Week. The celebration was to honor EMS providers at over 150 colleges and universities across the country.

Hamilton began its EMS training program after the restructuring of the Health Center hours in 1993. Prior to the '93-'94 academic year the Health Center was open 24 hours a day. At that point, since the Health Center was always staffed by a Registered Nurse, the EMTs' work was not as crucial as it is now. The EMTs assessed situations and transported patients to the Health Center. With the Health Center's new 8:30A.M.-4:30P.M. hours EMTs would have more responsibility, therefore it was decided that all student EMTs should be New York state certified to be sure that they adhered to the same set of protocols.

Since it is often difficult for students to get off campus, Hamilton provides the classroom space while a state-run agency provides the course. The course fits into the spring semester and holds approximately 40 students. Registered Nurse Diann Lynch and her colleagues at the Health Center determine the need for EMTs on campus for each year. Lynch remarked that "If there are too many EMTs they don't get enough experience. Our EMTs are new EMTs and so it's very important that they get experience here. It's not good if they go for five weeks without a call." Lynch interviews prospective members of the Hamilton College EMS (HCEMS) before they take the course. Lynch then picks a handful from the applicant pool based on the college's need. Those chosen for the HCEMS sign a membership contract in which they agree to volunteer for three semesters; in exchange the state pays for their $600 training course. Lynch has already chosen the fourteen students to take the course in the spring and she has a waiting list.

The course is the basic New York state training course and students are certified as EMT-Ds. Our EMTs are trained to assess situations and to do everything from splinting fractures and bandaging lacerations to operating defibulators. "This is more than just first aid," commented Lynch, these students "are trained to make decisions" in emergency situations.

Last year the HCEMS received 112 calls. Lynch remarked that this was the "least we'd gotten in a couple of years." Twenty one calls were related to orthopedic injuries, such as sprains and fractures. Eighteen calls came in for cuts or lacerations. Fifteen calls were related to gastrointestinal problems, while 25 were received for general illness. There were twelve cases of alcohol intoxication, but 25 of the 112 calls were "alcohol related," which combines intoxication and injuries due to alcohol. In approximately half of all calls received in the '96-'97 academic year students were sent to the Emergency Room. Twenty five of these were serious enough to be sent by ambulance, twenty one were advised to go to the hospital and were taken by friends, and eleven went via taxi.

Why would anyone want to be an EMT? Just ask an EMT. Garth Skoropowski '98, HCEMS's student officer, said that he wanted to "get involved with the community" and to "help out others in times of need." As the Student Officer of HCEMS Skoropowski makes sure that "things are running smoothly" and answers any questions that the EMTs may have. He took the course in the spring of his sophomore year and has been an EMT for the past two years. Skoropowski said that he believed that it is important for EMTs to be "caring and understanding, to go to each call with an open mind" and to remember the commitment to "respect confidentiality." He also emphasized that the Hamilton College EMTs are all New York state certified. "We're qualified to ride along in ambulances with regular EMTs," he said.

HCEMS Membership

Sascha Arbouet '99	Ricky Levinson '98
Omaima Ataya '98	Diann Lynch
Meghan Benedict '98	Jannett Matthews '99
Broxton Bird '99	Courtney Nelson '99
Craig Conard '98	Garth Skoropowski '98
Michelle Cosentino '98	Andrew The '99
John Doench '00	Pieter Tryzelaar '00
John Fantauzzi '99	Matt Weiner '98
Sean Gass '99	
Laura Gentner '98	(Away this semester)
Matt Hajduk '99	Brian Brush '98
Courtney Jones '99	Nancy Chie '98
Antonios Katsetos '99	Julie LoSauro '99

Meghan Benedict '98 became an EMT because she wanted "to help people on this campus" and also because she had an interest in the medical field. Benedict also took the course through the College. She said that she averages about 20 to 25 hours a week on-call. Though EMTs are obligated to remain on campus while on-call, "it's not like we have to stay in our rooms the whole time," said Benedict. The position is "demanding, but it doesn't take away from our time."

Michelle Cosentino '98 was also drawn to become an EMT because of her interest in gaining experience in the medical field. Cosentino took the course through the College during the spring of her freshman year. It consisted of "two three hour lectures on weeknights and Saturdays from 9A.M.-1P.M. in Utica for lab practical assessments." When asked what she thought it takes to be an EMT Cosentino replied, "dedication. There is required time you have to be on-call. You also have to be able to collect yourself in an emergency situation."

Courtney Jones '99 became an EMT because she wanted to gain "experience with patients and patient care" to test the waters for a potential career in the medical field. Jones took her training course at a college near her hometown over the summer because she "missed the class as a freshman and the course wasn't offered at Hamilton last year." She started the course, which met for nine hours per week for fourteen weeks, the day she got home: "I got home and then turned around and went to my first class." Jones is a relatively new EMT, but she understands that to be an EMT one must be "dedicated. You've got to be willing to go to all the classes, and you've got to give up some of your time, some of your freedom." To be a good EMT Jones said that you've also got to be able to "think and act quickly in an emergency," and be responsible as "other people and EMTs are counting on you."

Pieter Tryzelaar '00 also decided to take an EMT course while he was at home over the summer. He became an EMT because he wanted to "work with people" and was planning on attending medical school. Though Tryzelaar took a 120 hour course to receive his national licence this summer, he does not yet have his New York state certification due to bureaucratic difficulties. He is currently on-call as an observer with HCEMS. He believes that the most important qualification for an EMT is the ability to make decisions: "You have to have confidence. You can't be nervous -- if you're not calm you can't help anyone."

"This job is different from any other job you can have," said Lynch. "You are under tremendous pressure; you have to react quickly; you have to make flawless decisions. But what's more, it lets you give something back to your school, to help out your fellow students."

NCEMSF EMS Week honors the lifesaving care collegiate EMS providers offer nationwide, 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week. For the amount of hard work and dedication that HCEMS offers the Hamilton community, perhaps they should be honored for more than just one week.

Oliver North speaks on "Conservatism in the 21st Century"

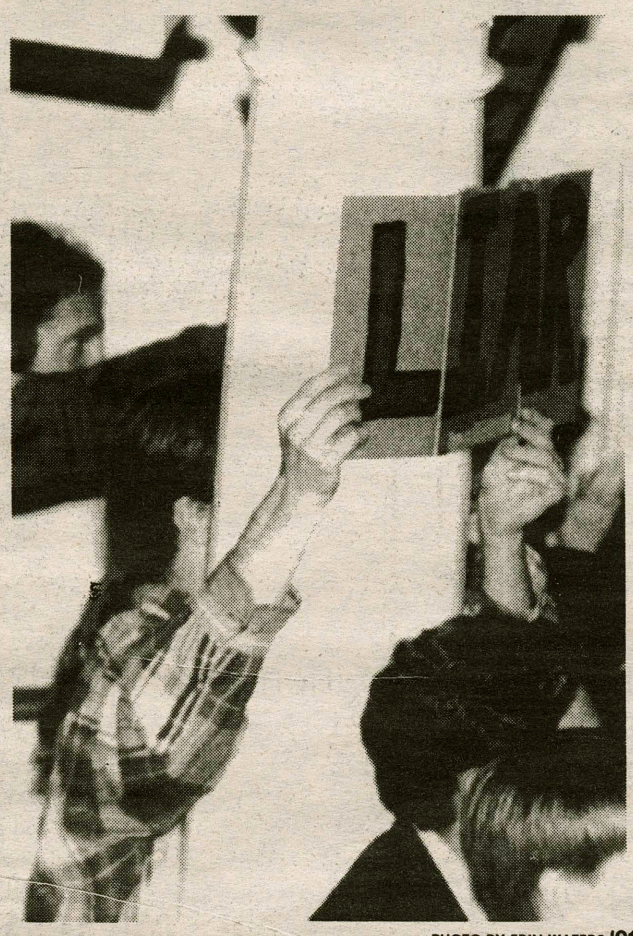
By Stephen A. Mickle '00
FEATURES WRITER

Is Oliver North really speaking in the chapel?" This was the reaction of many students prior to North's visit on the evening of Tuesday November 11. Some thought that perhaps such a noteworthy speaker deserved a little more room, such as Wellin Hall could have provided. However, it became clear that North had requested a more intimate and personal atmosphere, such as the Chapel with its traditional pews. Little did he know, he would soon receive questions so intimate and personal that they would invoke a blush or two -- even from a man with two Purple Hearts under his belt.

As students, faculty, and townspeople packed the Chapel, and silhouettes of figures framed in the windows were apparent from outside, North began his speech with an inquiry. What is the greatest cause of anger in this country? Many remarked at what a great question this was to throw at a collegiate audience. As Susie Q. Tanner '00 commented, "what is more inspiring to college kids than 'unfulfilled expectations?'" North proceeded with his speech before hundreds of supporting eyes and a few rather cynical cardboard fragments marked with an accusatory "LIAR."

Does the Constitution of the United States give us rights? This was perhaps the underlying basis of a speech which some labeled "intensely Republican," whereas others felt North's place on the political spectrum was not particularly emphasized. Whatever the consequences, even the most die-hard Republicans such as Christopher Wagner '00 felt that childlike violent statements such as "tell Sadaam to duck, and then send the mother of all cruise missiles his way" were in Chris' words, "absolutely horrendous." Conservative or not, the majority of the audience was able to decipher the true motive of North's speech. Although the collegiate message was unique to Hamilton only in its references to Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, the students ingested the idea that voting is the mechanism of change. Whatever side of the political spectrum argued, the importance of the citizen's right and, more importantly, obligation to vote cannot be ignored.

Many students were moved by a certain anecdote which North used in arguing the values this nation was founded on and should continue to stress. North described a haggard, bronzed farmer who had just suffered a second flood disaster, unaided by government relief funds. This farmer, in response to a young, naive journalist, lifted his head and proclaimed he would simply "pray to God, and with the help of [his] neighbors, rebuild the farm." It was this "God-blessed" etiquette of hard work which North pushed as the essential basis of the land of the free, the United States. One student in the audience did in fact question the apparent reliance on God and Christianity which North had implied. North responded quickly, and in the words of Teddy Comerford '99, "his haste often came off as a little defensive, especially towards mere college students." However, Seth Andrews '99 humorously states that when questioning a man of Oliver North's outstanding credentials, one must remember, "If you wrestle with the big bear in the woods, you are going to get bitten."



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Students protest at North's speech.

The Conservative Club was responsible for planning Oliver North's visit. When asked about the speech's general success, Tom McGovern '00, president of the Conservative Club, remarked, "The speech went very well as a whole, my only complaint is that certain members of the audience who chose to participate in the question-answer did not give appropriate respect to Mr. North, as he truly deserved." McGovern felt the many uneducated, poking statements which served only to arouse audience reaction were simply unnecessary in the given setting. He did, however, state that North handled even the most sour questions with respect and politeness.

The general Hamilton feeling on Mr. North's speech was positive. Most students agree that there will always be cynics, no matter what speaker is brought to campus. Many students agree with the position of Shane Miller '98: "It's too bad the questions posed were often inaccurate and frankly farcical in nature. Mr. North does not need to answer questions which lack direction." Many others believe that North is a hypocrite and a "LIAR."

Whatever the case, it may be said that those of the Hamilton community who took the opportunity to hear Mr. Oliver North speak benefited in some way from the words of a man with extensive political and wartime experience.

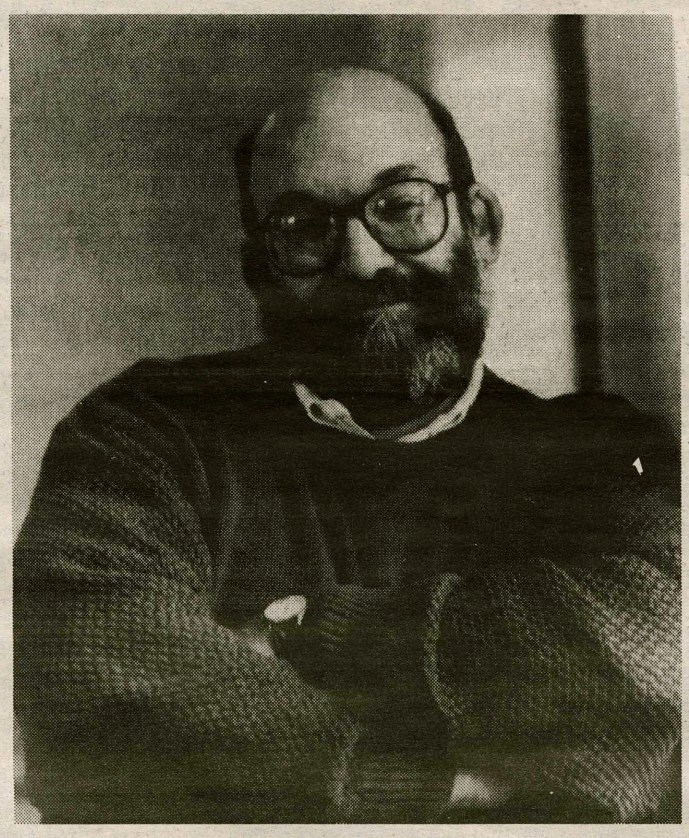
An interview with acclaimed novelist Frederick Busch

BY WESTON LE MONTE '98
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

Professor Frederick Busch is currently the Edgar Fairchild Professor of Literature at Colgate University, where he has been teaching since 1966. He is critically acclaimed as one of the great novelists of today, and has been the recipient of the National Jewish Book Award for Fiction, the American Academy of Arts and Letters Fiction Award, and the Malamund Award, PEN. He was a finalist for the 1995 Pen/Faulkner award for his book *The Children in the Woods*. His most recent novel *Girls* has won national praise for its vividly brutal portrayal of death and its effects on the living.Professor Busch will be speaking on campus on Monday November 18 at 8 P.M.

Q: You are known as the "writer's writer," who focuses on domestic life and the everyday hardships of ordinary characters. Reviewers have been saying that *Closing Arguments*, and more recently in *Girls* are a move away from that realm of writing. Do you feel this is the case?

A: Not at all. I never liked to humor reviewers anyways, but I do feel that I'm writing about the same things I've always written about, which is to say the household. I focus on domestic issues because I am a domestic person. When most people read Hamlet they see it as the story of a prince a king and a queen at the court of Elsinore. The castle is Hamlet's home, which makes it a story about household. Though it is true to say that murder does not commonly occur in this kind of setting, I see Hamlet as a domestic story, as well as a political one. Royal households are households, regardless, and the saying "we live and die in the kitchen" applies to them as well as anyone.



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A "writer's writer", so to speak, dismisses writers who can't be categorized, but who are good enough that you have to be nice to them. I don't want to be a writer's writer, I want to be a reader's writer.

Q: In both *Closing Arguments* and *Girls* the main characters are afflicted with the memories of traumatic events as soldiers in Vietnam that play a significant role in the respective plots. Is there a significance to this type of character development?

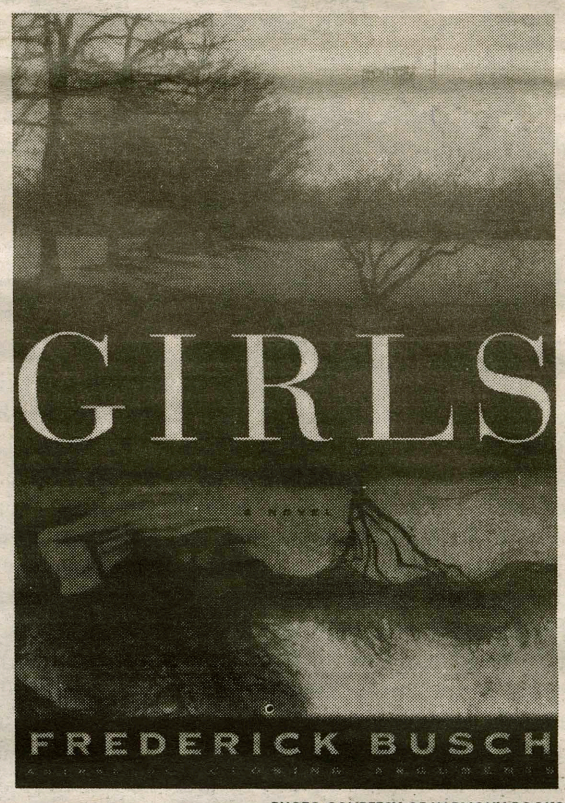
A: It's amusing that you brought that up because I was never in Vietnam, nor in the military. And I ran away from the draft as fast as my short legs could carry me.

I like using huge geo-political events like the Vietnam war because it lets me have my characters bring the darkness of the world into the kitchen. It was a way to not allow the novels to become isolated. You can get a sense of the small world of the kitchen and the large political events occurring outside of it simultaneously.

Q: John Romano of the *New York Arts Journal* has said that you are "one of a small party who are resuscitating an ancient use of words to connect us to our feelings." Do you think that this is an area that is lacking in much of the writing appearing today? Is the general quality of contemporary writing deteriorating?

A: John was actually one of my best students at Colgate some years ago. He is now out in California, I believe producing a show for CBS called Michael Hayes.

No, in answer to your question. I refuse to believe that writing today is not as good as it used to be. There is a fabulous wealth of new poems, short stories, memoirs, and novels being published. Unfortunately at the same time there is also the most unbelievable sewage that is appearing in print that is maybe drowning out the noise of the good writers. This might be the reason for this fairly widespread notion you just mentioned. I am dark, and paranoid, and a little freaked out, which most writers are. I like to let the darkness flow into my work. A lot of fiction that is being produced kind of mindlessly keeps the darkness out, which is what most people want. Most people like their darkness in very small, even, and easily managed doses, which I do not believe in. This does not reflect life.



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Q: You are known as a "literary" writer. Some critics claim that with *Girls* you jumped from "literary" into "genre" fiction. How do you feel about this accusation, and the separation between so-called literary fiction and genre writing?

A: I don't like this separation at all. I like mystery stories, which I suppose some might choose to classify as genre writing, implying it is lesser. There is nothing wrong with this type of story. I like them because when they are written well they are sensitive, humorous, and smart. I like to write stories about characters that you usually find in this type of story: tough men and women, missing children or people. Writing about missing children in Girls is not a new thing, I have been doing it for most of my professional life. I think this is a very powerful topic that many readers identify with because at one time or another everyone feels lost, everyone feels like those missing kids. Look at the story of Moses and the bulrushes, Moses asking himself "how the hell did I get where I am?" is a question that everyone asks themselves at one time or another. It is an archetype, a pattern, that applies to every individual on this planet.

You don't get to be a writer because you're smart, you get to be one because you're nuts. As writers we only need to develop two things. The first is a vocabulary of language that individual writers cultivate and then tend to rely on. My language is not Latinate or made of complex words with many syllables, it's more simple, more Anglo-Saxon I guess you might say. I like to use a lot of words made up of one syllable. The second thing that writers develop is a reliance on similar situations and types of characters. I write about missing children and their families, about men trying to be strong, or kids trying to find out if there is anyone out there who loves them. These tendencies has developed my particular style of prose. The kind of vocabulary and characters that I like to use lend themselves to detective stuff: breaking the riddles, conquering the maze, solving the mystery, that kind of thing.

Q: There is a rumor circulating that the movie rights to *Girls* have recently been bought by a very powerful Hollywood director/producer known as Steven Spielberg. Would you care to comment?

A: Some producers from DreamWorks, a movie company owned in part by Steven Spielberg, did approach me and made an offer to purchase the option to make the film. I accepted their offer, and they now have eighteen months to decide whether they want to make the movie, and another twelve to actually produce it.

Q: Do you have any particular actors in mind for any of the roles of your characters?

A: Hell no! You and me and two other people will do just fine.

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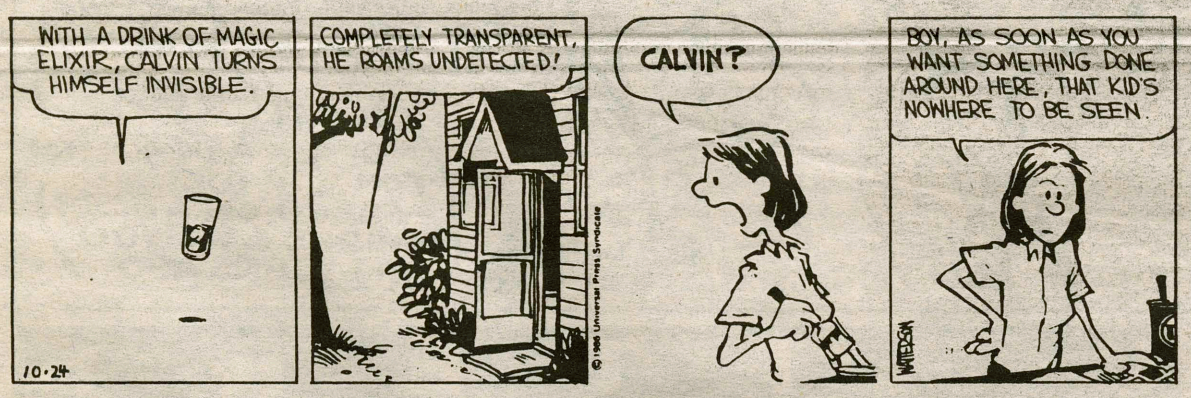
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BOY, AS SOON AS YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE AROUND HERE, THAT KID'S NOWHERE TO BE SEEN.
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BY REMOVING MY CLOTHING, I CAN PERPETRATE ANY CRIME UNDETECTED!
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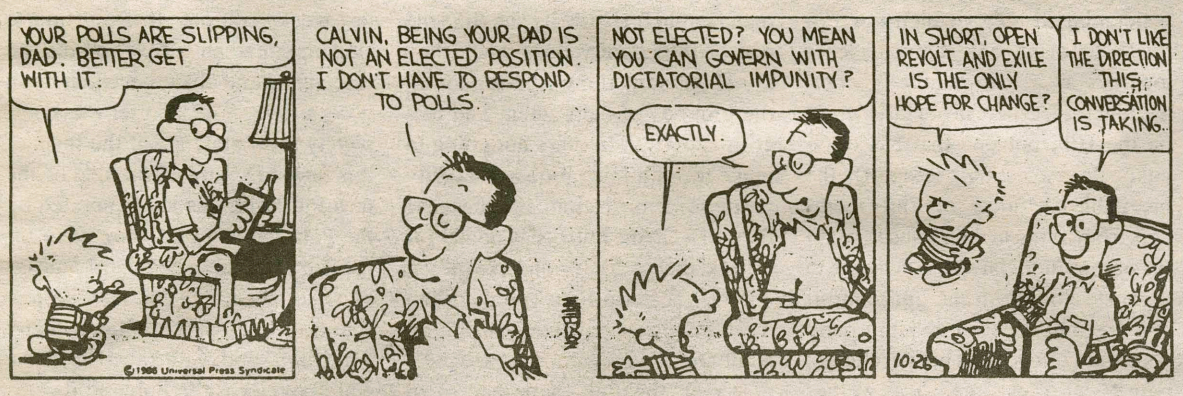
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CALVIN, BEING YOUR DAD IS NOT AN ELECTED POSITION. I DON'T HAVE TO RESPOND TO POLLS.
WATTERSON
NOT ELECTED? YOU MEAN YOU CAN GOVERN WITH DICTATORIAL IMPUNITY?
EXACTLY.
IN SHORT, OPEN REVOLT AND EXILE IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR CHANGE?
I DON'T LIKE THE DIRECTION THIS CONVERSATION IS TAKING.
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5 Davis or Standish
10 "Memory" musical
14 Lone Star State sch.
15 *Let's Make __*
16 "I cannot tell __"
17 Singer Horne
18 Annoy
19 National League quorum
20 Footed vase
21 Ship area
23 Not mine
25 Shows (the way)
26 Jolson tune
28 Horseman's mount
30 Nervous
31 Rich Little, e.g.
32 Cheese city
36 Skillfulness
37 Most meddling
40 __ *Got a Secret*
41 Reviewer Rex
43 African grassland
44 Confirm as true
46 Epitome
48 *Fawlty Towers* star
49 Food merchant
52 Rose feature
53 Kid-TV channel
56 Out of tune
59 Double curve
60 Hersey bell town
61 Diabolic
62 Ghostly sound
63 Bolivian boys
64 Russian river
65 Coastal birds
66 Plow man
67 Bunch

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1 Bantu language
2 Route: Lat.
3 Small-time
4 Hot tub
5 Adult
6 Notions
7 Sitcom producer Norman
8 Sunrise direction
9 Certain train cars
10 Voltaire novel
11 Green-card holder
12 Colored
13 Looks for
21 Anne, Mary, or Victoria
22 Fish delicacy
24 Light-switch positions
26 Top-billed one
27 Existed
28 Upset
29 __ off (angry)
31 Riding the waves
33 Cheap literature
34 Alamo rival
35 Apportion
38 __ Park, KS
39 Claw
42 *Oliver Twist* author
45 German article
47 Actress Ruby
48 Select
49 Folklore creature
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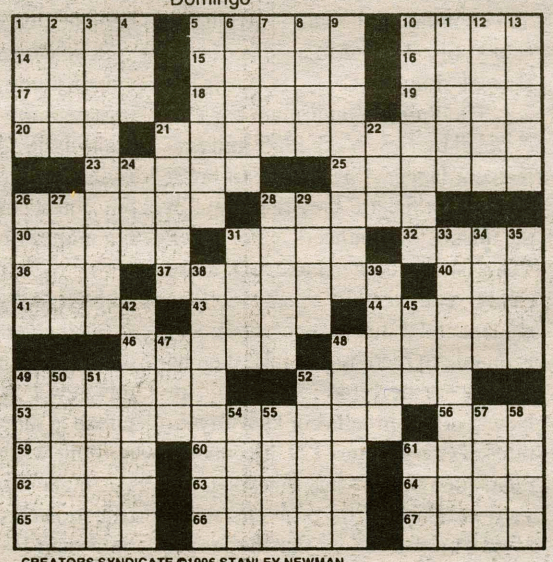

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John,
Happy Anniversary! (Who'd have thought? An entire year!!)
I love you!

Yip, Yip,
Sarah

Trash,
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EDITORIAL

Much ado about nothing

This is usually the space we use to convey a deep message that could impact every member of the community. We have addressed campus violence, student/administration/faculty relationships, Halloween and other important issues. Every now and then, we really have nothing at all to say. Nothing extraordinary has been happening this week, except for the massive amounts of snow falling as this is being written. Winter's on the way, maybe we should write about that. Too cliched.

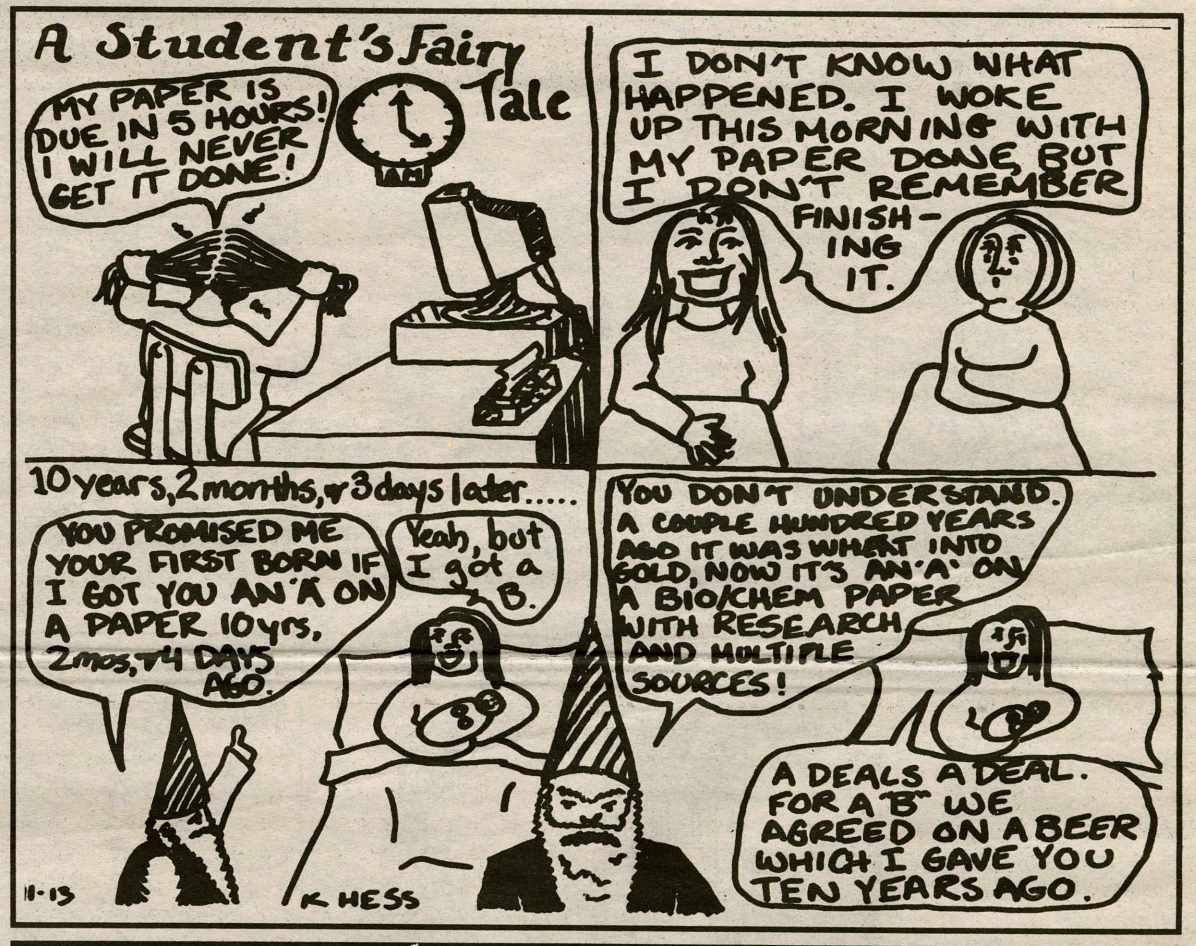
Perhaps you think that if Hamilton were in a city, or at least not in rural New York, we would have something to write about, and perhaps you are right. Sources tell us there was a car-jacking near Columbia University, a stabbing near B.U., and near Williams a cow received a rectal exam after student was reported missing after breaking up with his girlfriend. We complain about things never happening here, but that guy involved with those shady military deals in Iran spoke just the other day. People called him a liar, too.

If there were a pressing issue on all of our heads this weekend, we might not be able to fully enjoy ourselves for the first snow. It should be a totally raucous time. And Thanksgiving is coming up. Just think about going home, finding Mr./Ms. Couch as you left him/her and curling up for some real R&R and some nice food in large quantities. Who cares if you're eating the same stuff for five days in a row? Even without the creature comforts, the down time with the family is well deserved by now.

And that begs another question. We're thinking, "Turkey. What up with that bird, and how did it become the national symbol for thanksgiving?" Besides, who ever figured that it would be a tasty idea to shove breadcrumbs into a dead bird? We don't know, but buy that guy a cold one.

One hundred and forty-seven years ago, a great statesman said, "Democracy hath what each one of us..." No, no, no — blatantly misquoted. What he really said, before his publicist got involved, was, "This is a bodacious weekend, so let all enjoy the freedom and care free attitude of this calmer, gentler world." That's more like it.

We have no words of wisdom for you this week, no attacks on the College, no challenges to the administration. This entire editorial has pretty much been a very very very very very very very obvious space filler, but you get the idea. The weekend starts here.


A Student's Fairy Tale
MY PAPER IS DUE IN 5 HOURS! I WILL NEVER GET IT DONE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. I WOKE UP THIS MORNING WITH MY PAPER DONE, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER FINISH-ING IT.
10 years, 2 months, & 3 days later.....
YOU PROMISED ME YOUR FIRST BORN IF I GOT YOU AN 'A' ON A PAPER 10 yrs, 2 mos, & 4 DAYS AGO.
Yeah, but I got a B.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. A COUPLE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IT WAS WHEAT INTO GOLD, NOW IT'S AN 'A' ON A BIO/CHEM PAPER WITH RESEARCH AND MULTIPLE SOURCES!
A DEALS A DEAL. FOR A 'B' WE AGREED ON A BEER WHICH I GAVE YOU TEN YEARS AGO.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pub's new ID system just another interference in campus social life

To the Editor:

During my career here on the Hill, the administration has exercised policy concerning the social atmosphere of this campus in almost every facet. From how much alcohol we are allowed to have in our rooms, the residential life policy which was supposed to bring our campus closer together as a community (a commendable ideal here in our little world on the Hill, but one that has obviously driven us farther apart), the inevitable barring of fraternity members from living in their houses, making parties in social spaces a hassle to organize along with charging exorbitant cleaning fees following a party (as if the College does not get enough money out of us already), as well as this years suspension of my fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

When I thought Hamilton had interfered with my social life enough, the Pub comes up with this brilliant idea of creating a Hamilton I.D. card in order to curb underage drinking. Did they really think that underage drinking was not going to occur at the Pub when they built it in 1995? Underage drinking is a problem at almost all colleges and universities, and I commend the Pub for trying to find a solution, but their idea of I.D. cards is ridiculous.

The Pub is a legitimate bar recognized by New York State and acts in accordance with state liquor laws. Knowing this, are they that inept in the hiring of bouncers who check I.D.'s at the door. Fake I.D.'s are easily recognizable to any college student and if that particular bouncer is unable to recognize a fake then he should not be hired. The State of New York even sells books with pictures of every picture I.D. (license) in the United States. Buy this book and you can eliminate the problem. Also, I find it hard to believe that the people who work at the Pub do not know who is twenty-one and who is not just by looking at them. All that is needed to drink at a bar in New York is a legitimate license, passport, or sheriff's I.D.

I am 22 years old and if I want a beer after class I should be able to go into the Pub and buy the beer with my license proving that I am of age. I am acting in accordance with the law and if the Pub denies me the right to drink then I could realistically sue (like the rest of the country does when they cry about something) the school on the grounds of harassment and discrimination. If you are not going to make the administration and faculty get these identification cards, because they do go to the Pub occasionally for a drink, then you can not make me get one just because I am younger than these people, even though I am an adult and of age.

You, the Pub, have access to every student's birthday through admissions. Why don't you just make a printout listing everyone's birthdate, and if a person is in question check the book and the proof is right there, instead of making us provide two forms of identification in order to prove we are legal. Who in this school has their birth certificate with them? I doubt that more than twenty people do because most people keep them at home in a safe or in a safety deposit box. But once again, our college who is constantly striving for equality amongst its students, is willing to simply implement policy and make us do all the work. The solution is easy and right at your fingertips, but you would rather spend a lot of our money on I.D.'s, instead of motivating over to Admissions for a half an hour and get a list.

I realize the college's stance towards implementing past policy, but this new Pub policy is absurd and I refuse to follow it because I am doing nothing wrong in the first place. If you make Eugene Tobin get an identification card then I will get one, but until then I will not because there is no difference between Tobin and I concerning the lawfulness to drink and being of age.

Joe Rowbottom '98

Students call Pub article inaccurate, subjective

To the Editor:

We are writing a letter in response to the article, "Pub implements new ID system" appearing in last weeks edition. It is our understanding that an article should be researched and objective when it is a news article. The reporter was completely inaccurate about the facts of this new I.D. card. The idea of the new Pub card was not generated by the Pub employees. They were informed about this new card and instructed to enforce the new policy. The card is a result of a decision by Auxiliary and Contract Services, which oversees the Pub and its employees. We found the reporters article to be biased and uninformed. There was no interview with any member of the Pub staff, but the writer of this article seems to know the feelings of the bartenders and employees as is evident in the quote, "Although the Pub staff has confiscated a number of fakes, they feel that many more have gotten by them." We have no idea how the writer developed this notion, for only two students were asked to comment on this topic, and they had no idea what they were talking about. One student made the obnoxious comment that if a bar cannot tell the difference between a real and fake ID, then it should not open the bar.

We are willing to bet that there are many students with fake forms of identification who get into many bars. Is this student calling for a country-wide shutdown of bars? We don't think so. The article was clearly a sign of irresponsibility and ignorance. Get it right next time.

Laurel Bookman '98
Tom McCue '98

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Commie Jesus' column disturbing, blasphemous

To the Editor:

Kyle Harris "Queer commie Jesus: a model activist" column of November 7 disturbed me with its inaccuracy, irrelevancy, blasphemous remarks, and bigoted assumptions about Jesus and His modern day followers. Mr. Harris began by stating that "Jesus was a liberal, a communist, a queer, a Jew and a civil rights activist." First, Jesus may have been a liberal in time and place. After all, He brought the message of salvation to marginalized people deemed untouchable by the Pharisees. Nevertheless, if we were to apply Jesus' message today, a conservative agenda would result.

Jesus emphasized faith in God and service to Him above all. Jesus required that sinners leave their immoral lifestyles behind and conform to the laws of God. He forgave Mary Magdelene on the condition that she give up her life of prostitution. Jesus by no means accepted all lifestyles and asked nothing of His followers as certain liberals lead one to believe.

Second, Jesus was not a communist. Jesus felt tremendous empathy for the poor and demanded that we help those less well off. Jesus vehemently opposed materialism and would be critical of our modern capitalist economy. Jesus did not, however, advocate forced government redistribution of resources as any socialist or communist society requires.

Third, no evidence proves Jesus to be queer and such statements serve no purpose except to incense millions of practicing Christians such as myself. Jesus was not heterosexual either. He was chaste and too preoccupied with His mission to care about sexuality and other worldly concerns.

Fourth, Jesus did not come to earth to serve as a civil rights activist. Jesus preached the need for repentance and the promise of eternal life in Heaven for believers. Since we are all God's people, He requires us to serve each other. According to Scripture, however, life on earth is secondary and only a means to the end of eternal life.

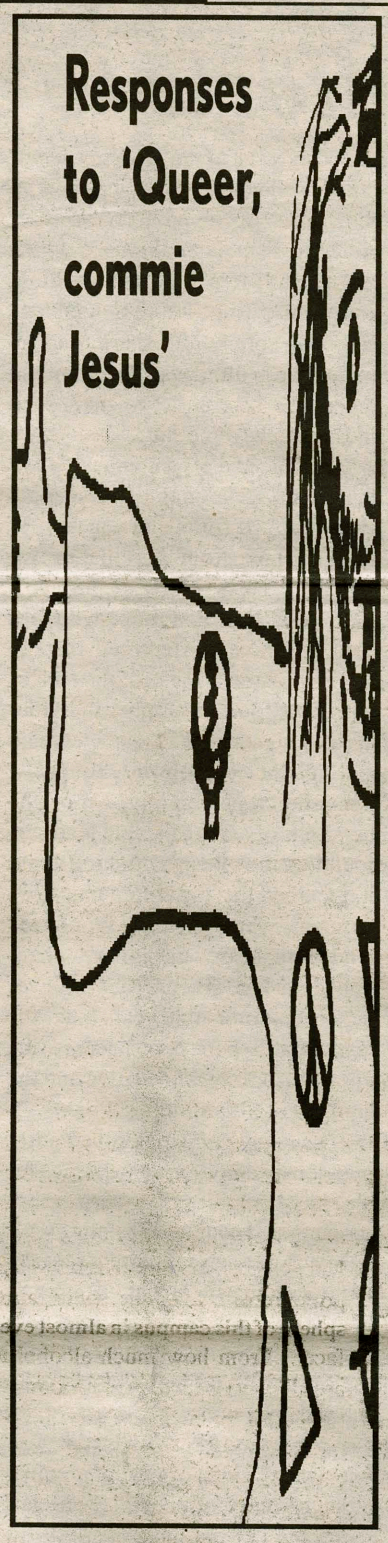
In addition to these inaccurate statements about Jesus, Mr. Harris makes bigoted and overtly stereotypical assumptions on behalf of conservative Christians. Regarding conservative Christians, Mr. Harris states: "Over roast beef dinners, served on fine plates, they discuss the progress of the pro-life movement and poverty in India". Conservative Christians are not all middle and upper class, white, suburban Americans too immersed in their material comfort to practice what they preach and help the poor. Most of the nation's soup kitchens and food pantries are run by churches, many of them theologically and/or politically conservative. Christians come from all walks of life and live in nearly every nation on earth. Evangelists in Third World nations bring the message of hope to millions while providing food, shelter, clothing, and medicine to those they serve. Missionaries do not simply preach the Gospel and leave people hungry as Mr. Harris insists.

Finally, Mr. Harris inappropriately demeans conservative Christians alliance with the pro-life movement. "Because Christians are too busy keeping their hands clean from untouchable issues like safer sex education, civil rights, and the like, they feel that the only people they can truly help are the unborn." With approximately 1.5 million abortions occurring each year in the United States alone, efforts to reduce the number of abortions performed and tighten anti-abortion laws can and should remain a foremost goal for Christians and non-Christians alike. The right to life precedes all other rights, including the right to food, shelter, and affordable health care among others.

Most pro-choice advocates argue that the unborn maintain no such right to life or that the rights of the mother override any rights the fetus may have. This is just another example of how artificial distinctions are used to marginalize and deny humanity to the most helpless members of society. Mr. Harris champions the rights of the marginalized but overlooks the rights of the most marginalized group of all.

In conclusion, I would like to request sensitivity from all members of the Hamilton community to the diversity of religious convictions practiced on this campus. As a traditionalist Roman Catholic, I realize some of my beliefs are "politically incorrect" to many students. Nonetheless, this does not justify blatant blasphemous and inaccurate attacks on my religion. We must learn to respect each others' freedom of religion as guaranteed by the 1st Amendment and tolerate religions, theologies, and means of worship different from or offensive to our own.

Jason M. Osborn '98



Harris should 'take the next step'

To the Editor,

In the beginning, God created man in His own image. Today, we've decided to return the favor. Kyle Harris ("Queer commie Jesus: a model activist," November 7) accuses Christians of illegitimately turning Jesus into an image of themselves, then proceeds to do the exact same thing. "Jesus was a liberal, a communist, a queer, a Jew and a civil rights activist who taught that an individual's intelligence was more worthy than the church's dogmatic teachings."

Jesus is the most revolutionary person who ever lived. His birth, life, death, and resurrection all turned the world upside-down. Jesus changed history, changed lives, changed everything. To say that Jesus was a conservative capitalist would be ludicrous, as would saying that Jesus was a liberal communist. An old maxim I've learned to be true is that if a person feels comfortable with their picture of Jesus, they are really staring at a picture of themselves, not Jesus. If encountering Jesus validates everything you've believed, then you're not encountering the real, living Jesus. In Luke 20:18 Jesus identified Himself as "the cornerstone," saying that "everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." His point? Anyone who comes across Jesus will stumble over Him. He is "a rock of offense." Anyone who thinks they come to Jesus and are not radically challenged to think, live, and believe differently than they did before are not truly coming to Jesus.

Mr. Harris also paints his cartoon of Jesus' followers with a broad and misshapen brush, claiming that "churches neglect satisfying the needs of local AIDS patients, homeless people, battered women, people in prison, abused children, the elderly and other marginalized groups" in favor of such causes as evangelism and the unborn. I am quite surprised by this, as Mr. Harris need not look far to see representative evidence that counters his claims. Has Mr. Harris never heard of all the Christians who seek remedies for social and cultural ills? Perhaps Mr. Harris has never met Father Croghan or Chaplain McArn, two men who, because of the call of Jesus on their lives, work on behalf of the needy and lead students to do the same. Perhaps Mr. Harris has not wondered why so many of the hospitals in our country and around the world are named after Christian Saints. Perhaps Mr. Harris has never talked to any missionaries, to find out the social work that accompanies "spreading the gospel."

Mr. Harris' Jesus is as much a cartoon as the one he claims that Christians embrace. Jesus was neither a capitalist nor a communist. Jesus' economic philosophy was that people should serve God with their money first, others second, and themselves last. Jesus was neither liberal nor conservative. Jesus hung out with the rich, the poor, the homeless, the prominent, and the outcast. In our society, Jesus would hang out with the homosexual, the straight, the welfare recipient, the entrepreneur, the democrat, republican, the just and the unjust. But to all of them, then and now, He would issue His call to repentance from sin and radical obedience to God. He would trumpet the two great commandments, which summarize the whole Law - love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. He would heal the wounded, forgive the sinner, and call all people to follow Himself.

Mr. Harris takes a myopic view of Christians, and makes Jesus over into his own image, but does one thing exceptionally right. In a world that frequently ignores or reviles Jesus, Mr. Harris takes the courageous step of taking Jesus seriously. My challenge to Mr. Harris is this: take the next step. Look at what He really said and did. Let Him speak to you without trying to make Him fit your preconceived notions. Then go and follow what He says. If that makes you half as uncomfortable as it makes me every day, you're probably meeting a truer Jesus than ever before.

Denes House '93
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Staff

Jesus accepts people on his own terms

To the editor:

The best argument against Kyle Harris's article in the November 7 issue of *The Spectator* is the article itself. In it, Harris leaves several questions unanswered, e.g.: If Jesus was a queer, why didn't His first century opponents accuse Him of that, as it would surely have disqualified Him from any place of status among the people? And, if Jesus deprecated the "church's dogmatic teachings," then why did He say about the Law upon which they are based:"not the least stroke of a pen will disappear from the Law"? Harris assails the current morals of the church and implies that they are a recent phenomenon, yet these are tenets held for the past 2,000 years by the church.

Our main point is that Christianity is not an easily changeable institution which can be conformed arbitrarily to the needs of any given group. Jesus Christ will accept people of all creeds, races, genders, and orientations as His disciples, but on His terms, not theirs.

Samuel H. Jackson '00
Daniele J. Berman '00

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

C&D staffer leads efforts to educate Romanians

Matt Gargano is offering us an example of the quality of heart, and willingness to help others which are the hallmarks of the kind of community we seek here at Hamilton College. I invite you to read his letter which follows, and encourage him in this very important work he has undertaken.

Jeff McArn
College Chaplain

To the Editor:

I write to tell you of an educational project with which I am involved-a project designed to allow Romanian students to attend college here in the United States; a project based on hope and on the belief that education changes not only minds, but also lives.

My name is Matthew Gargano, and I am Assistant Director for Information Services in Hamilton's Office of Communications and Development. This past March I was part of a team that went to southern Romania for three weeks. We began our journey with the goals of holding fellowship meetings; conducting a health seminar (including glucose and cholesterol screenings); and providing food, medicine, and clothing to those with the most profound need. I quickly learned that "profound need" is a relative thing when significant need is the norm....

The trip was, without a doubt, a life-changing experience for me. I must confess, I was totally unprepared for the destitution I encountered, for the abject poverty in which the people of the region live. Gypsies roamed the streets, begging for food and clothing. Little children, stricken by poverty and disease, wandered aimlessly. Cholera and hepatitis are endemic there, mostly because running water in the villages is rare, and refrigeration is almost non-existent. This is a place where people struggle daily, just to survive. A place where there are no soup kitchens, walk-in clinics, or food stamps -- no "safety net" for those who require it.

While in Romania, I had the privilege of working mostly with teenagers and young adults. Over the course of my three-week stay I became very close to these kids. They shared with me their hopes, their joys, and their fears. They described how the Romanians survived the despotic rule of Ceausescu, continuing on through the seamless transition of Iliescu's seven-year Communist reign, and are now trying to pick up the pieces and create better lives for themselves under the first truly democratic president, Constantinescu, who took office in November 1996. Despite the dismal conditions in which these people live, they are incredibly warm and caring. I felt a tremendous sense of community there, and an incredible willingness, even among those who have little, to share with those who have nothing.

Balanced diets are unheard of in the region. The majority of people cannot afford fruits and vegetables-most of those from the villages live off of the cows, chickens, and pigs they raise. Carol, a nurse who was part of our team, reported that, in large measure because of the lack of nutritious food, a number individuals she screened had diabetes, and and high cholesterol levels. Strangely, I saw no crops being grown on the hundreds of acres of arable land surrounding the villages. Asking about it, I learned that the communist government, which had once farmed the land with heavy machinery, abandoned the land when Ceausescu was deposed. Some nine years later, the land is still barren ... because the villagers lack the knowledge and the equipment to farm it.

Leaving Romania proved a tremendously emotional experience for me. I had grown very close to the people I'd met and felt profoundly the burden of their need. Determined not to give up on the kids we'd met, Carol and I returned to the U.S. and devised a plan to assist these young people in helping themselves and their fellow Romanians, a plan to provide a quality education to those who want it and who qualify for admission.

Soberly aware of the counter productive nature of hand-outs, we wanted to create an effective and constructive plan of action — a plan of support which shows the recipients their value, holding them accountable and making them responsible for creating a better quality of life; showing people that food, clothing, shelter, education, all of these things that they render unattainable are in fact attainable given the proper resources, goals, and hard work.

A call to action: To that end, we have secured cooperation from the Mohawk Valley Refugee Center, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Mohawk Valley Community College and from Utica College to set up a collaborative program that will, with additional support from foundations and individuals, bring a number of Romanian students here to study each year, with the hope that these students will return to their country to share their new-found knowledge with others. With the outlines of a plan in place, I returned to Romania last month, with MVCC/Utica College papers in hand, to begin the admissions process. We need to bring three of these kids over in March to complete the necessary exams and interviews. In addition, keenly aware of the dismal agricultural situation, we wanted to have a farming-education program in place for them when they arrive. Cornell Cooperative Extension has graciously agreed to put together an intensive two-week program that will include both lecture and practical application.

This is a tremendous educational experience for us on the Hill as well as the Romanian students. We are progressing through an uncharted frontier, and I would appreciate any ideas or resources that you are willing to render.

I greatly appreciate your time. If you would like to discuss the project, please do not hesitate to call me at 859-4665. I welcome the opportunity to speak about this important program, which will undoubtedly have a transforming and empowering effect on all who are involved.

Matt Gargano

Student distressed by lack of flags on campus

To the Editor:

At a recent dinner with Oliver North, I was shocked to be informed that there was no American flag flying on the campus of Hamilton. Of all the incidents that have disturbed me so far on my short existance on the Hill, this is by far the most offensive. This would be bad enough, were it not for the fact that it was Veterans Day. I could only feel great shame for this college as I saw several veterans attending North's speech while outside stood a bare flagpole as a monument of disrespect. I have grown accustomed to seeing the stars and stripes flying proudly at almost every institution in this great country to the point where I almost have taken it for granted. I suppose that every time I happened to saunter by a naked flag pole I would assume that its accompanying flag was merely temporarily displaced. Unfortunately, this is not the case. As far as I know, the only time a flag flies on this campus is on the rare occassion that the Administration deems it neccesary to impress certain dignitaries. If it were that this were merely a case of ineptitude or sheer laziness I would be at least temporarily appeased, but I believe that reason is far more sinister. Rather, I believe it to be an indication of the larger lack of respect that this college has shown for the foundational morals, institutions, and people of this country and Hamilton itself. How can we possibly begin to respect each other and the academic goals that this college aspires to when we can't even honor the country that has afforded us such an opportunity in the first place. I certainly hope this atrocity will be remedied as soon as is reasonably posssible.

Timothy B. Sapir '01

A violent campus?

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my view on violence at Hamilton. In the last few weeks, healthy debate has often been stifled because people fear that any comments they might make which are not in complete agreement with the assertion "Hamilton is a violent campus" will be interpreted as misinformed or insensitive. I don't think we will have a better situation on campus if people fear stating their opinions publicly. Therefore, I take issue with the statement, "Hamilton is a violent campus." I will certainly agree that violence happens at Hamilton but I will not agree that it is an inordinately violent place. Recently, I checked the Bureau of Justice web site (http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/cvictgen.htm) for general crime statistics. In 1995 (which was the most recent year for which they had statistics), for every 1,000 persons age 12 or older, there were 2 assaults, 2 rapes and 5 robberies. Quick arithmetic will tell you what the average would be for a community of 4,000-5,000 and that Hamilton's reported statistics fall well below that average. Please don't misunderstand the reason for my citing these statistics. I'm not saying that the violence which occurs is in anyway acceptable. Rather, I'm saying that the violence that is happening on this campus is of a specific nature and that is what needs to be talked about and examined. If one looks at the handout about violence at Hamilton which was widely circulated a few weeks ago, one sees that most of the violent/alienating acts were aimed at minorities (most often homosexuals). That is the issue that deserves attention.

The only way we can have constructive debate and conversation is to discuss and form opinions which are based on facts, not sweeping and unsubstantiated general statements. I urge people at Hamilton to look for facts and to think about them rationally and to make an effort to respect and understand the opinions of others on this campus.

Meredith Volker '00

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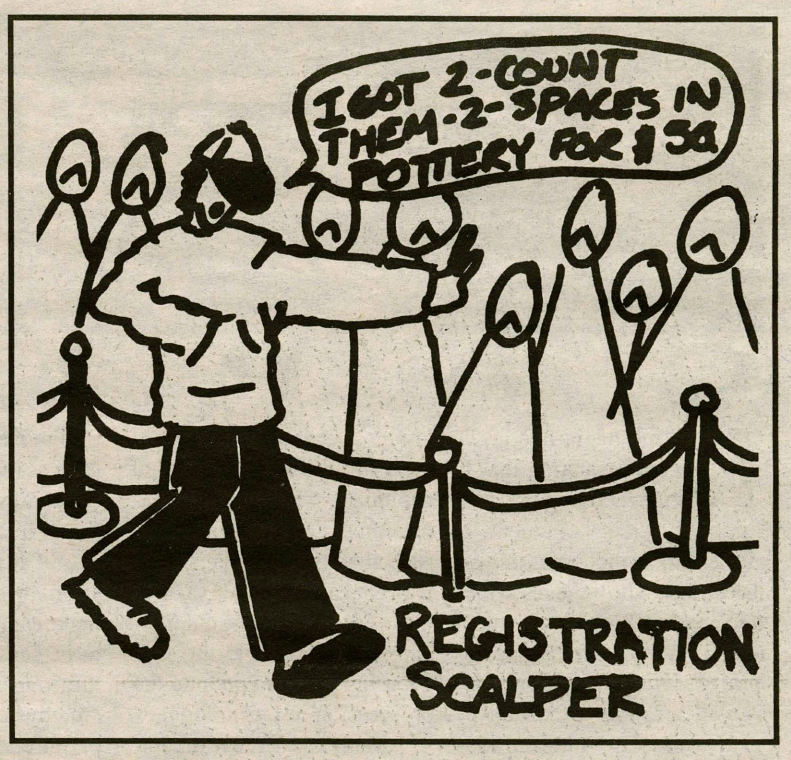


AARON HEALEY
THOUGHTLESS PHILOSOPHER

I wish I had never stepped into the mail center. A chill ran through me as a feeling of absolute terror enveloped my whole being. Such an innocent looking purple booklet should not cause such a violent reaction of one's senses, but those pieces of paper are far from innocent. I speak of the course schedule booklet issued by the good people at the Office of the Registrar. Within these sheets of wood pulp lay the secrets to every Hamilton students' future. Will I be forced to awake at some un-gawdly hour just so that I might complete some oppresive requirment? Is there anyone on this earth who can explain to me what the hell all those numbers stand for? Finally who is the twisted genius who schedules all the classes I want for the same time? The bi-annual nightmare of course registration has once again come to haunt the students of Hamilton.

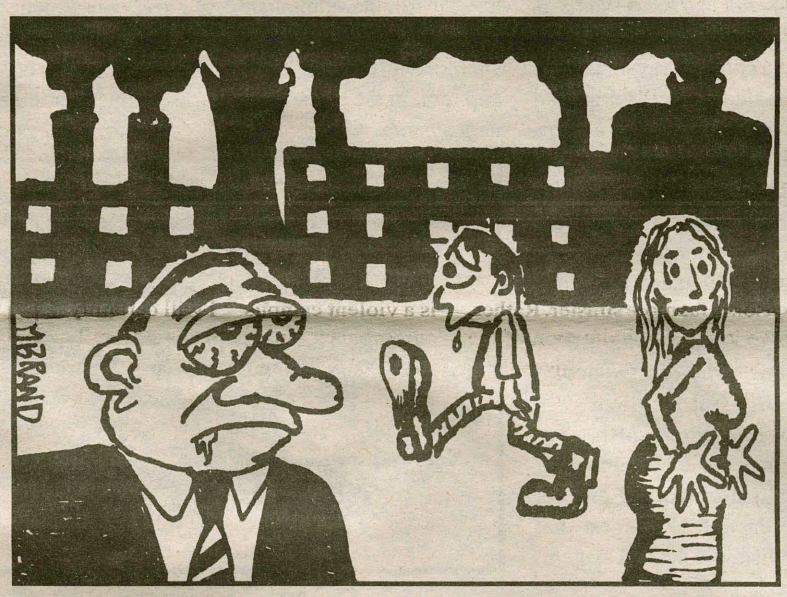
Just as we have finally gotten used to our shedules for this semester we must now recreate our lives again. Instead of working on that government paper we find ourselves drawn to the course selection guide and its little side kick the schedule booklet, spending countless hours trying to solve the puzzle laid before us. One should be able to earn a degree in schedule making after eight semesters at Hamilton. Not only does one have to find classes whose times work together but also classes that fufill those nasty requirments. This whole process depending on one's mastery of the system or luck can takee anywhere from a half hour to a week.

Once you have created the perfect schedule on paper one must then approach their advisor for approval and that pretty yellow card. Usually this is not a problem unless ones advisor is some old curmudgeon who after recieving tenure in 1812 deciced that every one of his (there weren't any women in here in 1812) advisees would take four years of Latin and Greek. After fighting over these minor details one then returns slightly bloody, but probably victorious to one's room to rest up for registrastion day.

At six that morning one rises with a vigor, not seen before or since, gathering together all the necessary tools for a succesful registration. Very proud of one's self for not making the same mistake as last semester and going merly three hours before registration one has taken the initiative and arrived a full twelve hours in advance. Smiling and self satisfied one opens the door to find that once again everyone has already arrived. The line swirling around K.J. like the serpent of the Old Testament our hero's jaw drops in shock as one takes one's place at the end of the line.

Finally after fourteen hours in line one enters the office with one's yellow card in hand. Having already noted that one's first four choices had closed out before registration one is placed into four "alternate" courses: Religious Studies 666: Hairstyles of Buddhist Monks, Psychology 123: Freud and his Mom, Economics 000: A Study of Student Income, Music 246-01: Show tunes and Judy Garland. One plans on having a great semester.

Are we poisoning ourselves with toxic waste or what?



PETER KELLY
REASONABLE RESOLUTIONS

Are chemicals in the environment poisoning us? Most Americans seem to think so. A 1991 poll found that 89% of respondents thought that "hazardous and toxic waste" was an "extremely serious" or "very serious" problem. This was the highest level of concern among the 18 environmental issues in the poll.

The result is not surprising, given all the scary publicity. If it's not Alar making the headlines, it's often the latest asbestos or radiation scare. Yet, contrary to popular opinion, scientists no longer believe that environmental chemicals are a major cause of cancer.

Formerly, researchers assumed that carcinogenic chemicals had the same effects in rodents as in humans and that the effects were linear (i.e., that 1/2 or 1/100 of the dose would lead to 1/2 or 1/100 as many cancer cases). With this assumption, they injected rodents with doses thousands of times higher per body weight than humans are exposed to, or almost as much as would poison the animals before cancers could develop. No wonder the lab rats got cancer—their cells were dividing very rapidly to replace ones killed at the points of injection. Assuming that 1/1000 of the dose of a chemical will cause 1/1000 as many cancer cases is misleading. It implies, for example, that 1/10 of a lethal dose of whiskey will kill one person in ten, when in fact it probably won't kill anyone. Yet with some important exceptions, we still rely on such animal studies to determine what is a carcinogen.

Scientists now believe that only 1-5% of cancers in the U.S. are caused by environmental exposures, and that most of these are from toxics in passive cigarette smoke or at industrial workplaces. Aside from a few extreme cases like Love Canal and Hiroshima, few people in the general public have or will get cancer from trace toxics or radiation. Real, serious, environmental health threats, including both long-known problems and new threats on the horizon, lie elsewhere.

The main longstanding environmental health issue in the U.S. is air pollution. Recent research shows that major air pollutants like carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, sulfur and nitrogen oxides, ground-level ozone, and especially particulates are actually harmful in concentrations lower than previously thought. Particulates alone may contribute to 20-30,000 premature deaths annually in the U.S. Progress controlling emissions, while impressive, has not kept up with increasing populations of cars (the cause of at least half of air pollution deaths) in all areas. And there's at least one new air pollution threat: Manganese, a human neurotoxin, is now added to some gasoline to replace lead.

In the former Soviet Bloc and in Third World countries, most forms of pollution are far worse than in the U.S. These countries have few cars, but unfiltered coal burning fills urban air with an old-fashioned smog of sulfur dioxide and particulate matter. Hard data don't exist here, but rural dwellers in poor countries are probably no better off. When rural dwellers burn wood or dung as cooking fuel, typically with no chimney, smoke builds up in huts to what would be classified as "Emergency" levels of air pollution if the air were the air of a U.S. city.

Systems to collect and treat sewage in the Third World range from nonexistent to inadequate. Not surprisingly, water-borne diseases like diarrhea kill millions. Sewage has made just about every beach near a Third World city unsafe, and sewage is not the only thing piling up. Problems of landfill siting in affluent countries pale in comparison to Third World scenes of piles of garbage burning in the streets. In these poor countries, we're talking about millions of deaths annually and health problems affecting billions of people.

Yet toxic chemicals and toxic wastes in developed countries continue to get the lion's share of our environmental health attention. My computer search found that popular-news articles on these topics outnumbered ones on antibiotic-resistant bacteria by a 5-to-1 ratio, and articles on water-borne diseases by a 100-to-1 ratio. My next article will explore these negelcted but crucial environmental health issues and why they have gotten so little attention in our news media.

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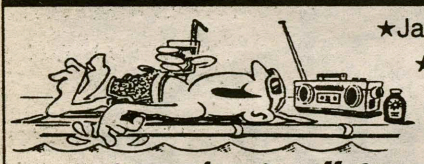
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CAPITALISM

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PRO

Let me begin this argument by stating that I am not buying into the "greed is good" argument. I am simply a moderate thinking student who believes in the free market system. Capitalism, for better or for worse, is here to stay, and we might just as well accept it. Others have tried using Communism and Socialism, but in practice they just don't work. Only China has remained a socialist world power, and they are beginning to adopt some capitalist strategies.

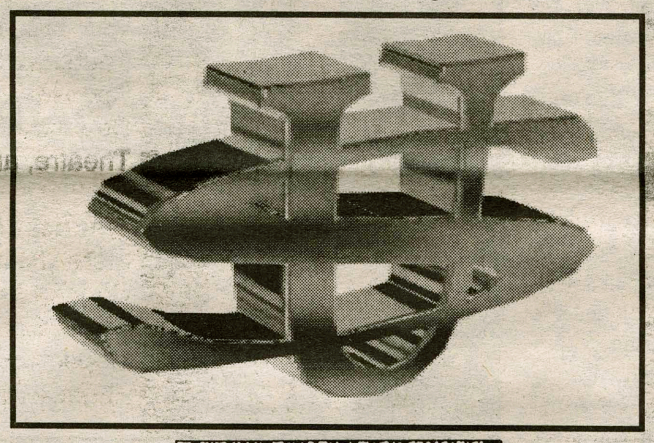
Adam Smith argued for a laissez faire economy, and to an extent I see him as correct, but we capitalists must not become complacent, relying only on free markets. Capitalism can and will fail from time to time. Stock market crashes and recessions will occur, but with prudent use of governmental agencies like the Federal Reserve, the economy will rebound.

Humans have revolutionized the world with the invention of the steam engine, automobile, and airplane to help bring goods to market. Innovations like these must continue or capitalism will stall. In his book, *The Future of Capitalism*, Lester C. Thurow argues that intellectual property is the driving force behind capitalism. Therefore, companies must do their best to ensure that their workers are well educated and able to carry the torch, so to speak. Capitalism will continue to thrive if great innovators continue the progression of technology.

Many take issue with capitalism because they see it as unfair, a type of social Darwinism. In capitalism, those with extraordinary talents often accumulate more than those who do not. To me it seems as though the average worker under a capitalist system has a higher standard of living than the average worker in a communist or socialist country. The free market system allows individuals to decide what they value. For example, computer companies decided that they liked Microsoft and included their operating systems in their machines. Microsoft's success made Bill Gates billions.

While Microsoft's success may be an example of capitalism at work, I am not naive enough to suggest that capitalism is a perfect system. Capitalism has many flaws, such as the increasing stratification of wealth, and fluctuating employment rates. However, I advocate a type of "responsible capitalism." To make capitalism work we need to be sensitive enough not to turn our backs on those who are physically unable to work or find employment. A responsible nation should employ public programs to help these people get on their feet again; what those programs should be is another argument.

Capitalism in moderation is a viable and useful system. By increasing the education level of the workforce and providing assistance to those in trouble, capitalism can continue to adapt to the world's changing economic structure and remain the planet's dominant system.



CHRIS SNOW
CON

Capitalism is not inherently good. Without government safeguards, capitalism in the United States would be far uglier than it is today. For instance, without anti-trust legislation, we would still be suffering under monopolies such as US Steel, and AT&T. Minimum wage has helped many of us take summer jobs as well as the millions who can buy food and shelter. Without the safety net of welfare and health services, millions who are not the fittest in the economic Darwinism game would be destitute. Even with the safeguards, capitalism certainly has negative consequences on our society.

The first consequence is a decline in cultural value. Capitalism replaces cultural value with fiscal value. The emphasis in a capitalist system is placed on a return on the investment. Quality television and cinema are not produced because there is not a significant return on entertainment companies' investments. Science, education, and arts are declining because money cannot be made on them. In addition, societal standards are voted by dollars, not by the inherent value of the product. "E.R." is the best television show in terms of ratings, but probably far from it considering its quality. McDonald's sells the most but some of the worst quality meals. We now have the flashiest entertainment and the cheapest hamburgers, but we will live unhealthy and unfulfilled lives.

My second complaint against capitalism is the prioritizing of profit over social goals. Corporations conduct business in countries such as Burma and Nigeria without regard to the oppression of those people for which their dollars pay. Corporations such as Dupont and Dow pollute the environments we live in despite the consequences, even to their very own workers. The recent news of "sweatshops" has raised awareness about the practices of companies placing dollars above human lives. We can buy Pepsi, plastic, and sneakers at inexpensive prices, but we have lessened the actual quality of living.

Another byproduct of capitalism is the homogeneity of products. The diners and hardware stores are replaced by McDonald's and Home Depots. While some may argue the lower prices benefit consumers, I argue that the autonomous hardware store and diner owners are not better off as cashiers in the new mega-stores. In addition, the income the hardware store owner earns is now sent to the Home Depot executives in Atlanta, Georgia. The wealth is redistributed from the many to the few.

Capitalism has made the United States the most powerful country in the world. This country is the premier in innovation and quality. Unfortunately these benefits have come with serious costs. These costs bring into question whether we have actually created a higher quality standard of living or just a more fiscally solvent one for the few.

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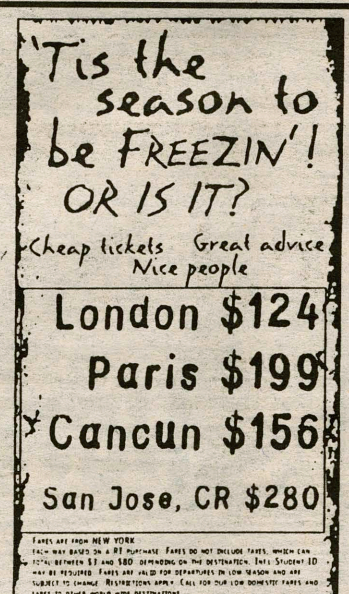

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LECTURES

Monday: Frederick Busch,Fairchild Professor of Literature at Colgate University, will give a reading of his fiction at 8pm in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Department of English. For an interview with Busch, see page 8.

Wednesday: At 4:15 in Dwight Lounge there will be a Winslow Lecure on "Hail, Caesars! Mass Marketing Rome in the 20th Century" by Martha Malamud, Professor ofClassics at SUNY Buffalo. Sponsored by the Department of Classics.

Thursday: There will be a slide-illustrated lecture called *Courtesan, Fox or Housewife: Model Behavior for Women in Nineteenth Century Japan* at 4 pm in the KJ Red Pit. Sponsored by the Departments of Music, Theatre and Dance.

FILM

Tampopo: In this humorous paean to the joys of food, the main story is about trucker Goro who rides into town like a modern Shane to help Tampopo set up the perfect fast-food noodle restaurant. Woven into this main story are a number of smaller stories about the importance of food, ranging from a gangster who mixes hot sex with food to an old lady terrorizing a shopkeeper by compulsive squeezing of his wares. In the KJ Auditorium Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm, Saturday at10 pm. Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society.

ARTS

Exhibition: *Proper, Improper and Heroic: Women in Nineteenth Century Japanese Art* will run from October 30 to December 16, 1997 in the Emerson Gallery. This exhibit has a Guest Curator, Diane Graham, who is the visiting instructor in Asian Art.

Exhibition: *MOVING BODIES: Artists' Visions of the Human Figure* will be on exhibition from October 30 to December 16, 1997 in the Emerson Gallery.

Friday - Thursday: *Pains of Youth* by Ferdinand Bruckner, the Fall Theatre Production directed by Adrian Giurgea will be performed in Minor Theatre at the following times: Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, Saturday at 2 pm, and Wednesday and Thursday at 8 pm. Sponsored by the Departments of Music, Theatre, and Dance.

Wednesday: At 7 pm there will be a Jazz Concert in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Departments of Music, Theatre and Dance.

CHECK IT OUT

Friday: Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Groupwill perform at the Kirkland Art Center Coffeehouse at 8 pm. Tickets are $10. Call for more information.

Saturday: The first annual Campus Wide Scavenger Hunt begins at 11:30 am in the Events Barn. A chance to win prizes! Sponsored by the Residence Hall Council

Saturday: Comedian "Michael Rasky" will be performing in the Events Barn at 8 pm. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

Saturday: At 10 pm in North Court there will be a Black and Latin Student Union Dance Party. Sponsored by BLSA.

Thursday: Kate Gilday will instruct a class on "Stress Relief: The Natural Way" from 7 - 9 pm at the Kirkland Art Center. Price is $15. Call for more information.

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'Pains of Youth'; solid performaces
Play both relevant and remarkable

BY JAY GORMLEY '00
A&E EDITOR

Have you ever felt that every thing in you life is out of wack and there is no clear path? If this is so then you should check out the fall drama production *Pains of Youth* by Ferdinand Bruckner, translated by Daphnie Moore which premiered last night in Minor Theater.

Actually only half of the play premiered last night. For this play the director, Professor Adrian Giurgea, decided to have two versions, one set when the play was written in the 1920's and another in our contemporary times. The dialogue for the two versions is the same in both versions but the blocking and the casts are different. Only one cast member, Ronnie Chavarria Blanco'99, duplicates his role in both versions. The 'contemporary cast will premier tomorrow night (the 14th).

The nineteen twenties play is set in a university apartment occupied by Marie (Karen D. Wimbly'98), Desire (Danielle Haws'98) and Freder (Jeremy S. Keenan'99) and open the day of final examinations for medical college. The play then moves in many deferent directions, dealing with the varied issues of sexuality, poverty, romance, lesbianism and depression just to name a few.

Wimbly turns in a powerful performance as a hard working student who is set to graduate and become a doctor. She has to deal with the break up of her long term relation ship with

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01
Dress rehersal of 'Pains of Youth'

Petrell (Brandon J. Sornberger '00) whom she supported financially for over two years. This relation ship dissolves after Petrell becomes involved with another medical 1 student , Irene (Kristen Fischer '00). Wimbly is convincing in her portrayal of an eclectic runaway duchess ; rich in emotion and substance.

Haws also is believable and accomplished in the show. Her performance shines with emotion and conviction. Also recommendable are the provenances of.Sornberger and Fischer whose chemistry is remarkable.

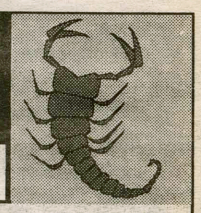
Keenan is a delight as he can be both menacing and enticing in a single moment. The control his character shows over the other is apparent though his performance. He plays the role of life time student/playboy/ part time pimp to precision.

New comer Hilary Bard '01 also turns in a solid interpretation of the wide-eyed small town maid brought to the big city and manipulated by older students.

Chavarria Blanco rounds out the cast as Alt, the concerned and protective friend of Marie and Desire. In addition to providing a voice of compassion his humorous comments provide much needed levety.

I thoroughly enjoyed the show and heartily recommend the play to the enter Hamilton community and its relevance to our every day life is strikingly apparent . The '1923' cast will perform again on the 15th, 19th and 21st at 8pm. The 'contemporary' cast will perform on the 14th, 20th and 22nd at 8pm and have a matinee on the 15th at 2pm. Tickets are 3$ for students and 5$ for the general public. Look for a review of the contemporary cast in next weeks *Spectator*.

HOROSCOPES



FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14TH

BY THE MYSTERIOUS Q
A&E ASTROLOGER

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)
The birthday season is upon you, Scorpio. You're in control and don't deny it. You can do whatever you want this weekend. Don't let us down! Your lucky food is: Mexican lasagna.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)
Waiting for answers is taking up a lot of your time, Sagittarius. Everything happens for a reason, it just takes a while to figure out what the reason is. This weekend may seem like it will leave a lot to be desired, but it may surprise you. Your lucky fruit is: a banana.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)
You are spending way too much time in your room, Capricorn. Yes, you are here to learn and do work, but you need to live like a normal person too. Just try and venture out a little more each day and the transition will be smooth. Your lucky ice cream flavor is: mint chocolate chip.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19)
Many people envy your body, Aquarius. Try not to flaunt it too much. If you think last week was hectic, just wait for what's to come. Your lucky place is: Bundy.

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20)
You're counting the days until Thanksgiving break, Pisces. It'll come soon enough, don't worry. But until then, don't neglect your friends, some of them need you right now. Your lucky helper is: a calculator.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)
Try not listen to everyone else's opinions so much, Aries. I know you're always open for constructive criticism, but I think you're placing too much weight on it these days. Evaluate things with your own eyes. Your lucky getaway is: Lake Placid.

TAURUS
(APRIL 21-MAY 21)
Competition is a big part of your life in the next few weeks Taurus. Good luck and have fun. Oh, and if you continue to feel ill, try and stop by the health center when you have a chance. Your lucky vegetable is: a hot pepper.

GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)
So you've got a new mission and it's getting your mind off of your work. This means you are normal. Try and enjoy it, you're only young once. Your lucky school is: Seton Hall.

CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)
You've begun to learn how to use your time to the fullest, keep it up. The next few weeks may seem neverending, but you'll make it through with flying colors. Your lucky snack is: Twizzlers.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUGUST 23)
So you don't seem to have as much free time as you would like, Leo. It's both a good thing as well as a bad thing. Try and be creative with the time you do have and your smile will be bigger than ever. Your lucky chef is: a friend.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 23)
Messages from people far away have got you thinking. Whatever you do, do not try and ignore these people. Don't avoid uncomfortable situations, they are definite character builders and shapers . Your lucky workout toy is: the stairmaster.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23)
Too many commitments in your life? Next semester try and be a little bit more selective with your time. But for now, keep all promises. Your lucky beer is: Utica Club.

An electronica buyer's guide

BY PETER N. GASTON '99
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

So, Buddha, I've really gotten to like those "Block Rockin' Beats." You know, that electronica stuff that they've been blasting all summer. That crazy guy from Prodigy is out of hand; he's got that horns-for-hair look, and he screams about arson from my television set. And a lot of this stuff just sounds a lot like hip hop, or all that funky jazz stuff everyone seems to love at Hamilton. So, do you, like, have any CDs I could borrow?

Well, I'm glad you asked. The entire surge of dance music that occurred over the past six months is one of the most curious stories of 1997. People just started giving up their flannels and danky hair for short cuts, shirts with bold colors and bold stripes. Dancing suddenly became cool again. Even the prepsters are down with the new school.

Everyone got tired of misery and power chords. Sure, we're all still bored, but the video games just get better and the music gets more fun and organic. Unfortunately, the bulk of the electronica that's been churned out and mass marketed is really a lot of crap. We like to put a face on our music, so the groups with the more traditional "lead singer" format have benefitted most.

The Chemical Brothers rode the vocals of Oasis songsmith Noel Gallagher to the big time with their single, "Setting Sun." Prodigy's latest album (no, it's not their first) is their worst. Keith Flint (the guy with the horns) has turned Prodigy into a freak show and taken them from what they do best. It's what the artists I'm profiling this week do: make great music that sounds like nothing you've ever heard.

THE CONVENTIONAL

Some groups are just making music for us to have fun with, and their use of more accessible and recognizable sounds allows an easier entrance into the dance music phenomenon.

The Chemical Brothers basically beg you to enter their world from the opening sounds of their first album, *Exit Planet Dust* (Astralwerks, 1995) where a sample from Blake Baxter assures you, "The brothers gonna work it out." Tom Rowlands and Ed Simons borrow alternative's guitars and old school rap's break beats and fuse them into a driving tsunami of musical force.

PHOTO COURTESY MO' WAX
DJ Shadow.

Lately, the euphoric joy of Fatboy Slim's debut album, *Better Living Through Chemistry* (Astralwerks, 1996), has constantly been pumped out of my speakers. Fatboy, a.k.a. Norman Cook, melds elements of the most popular of pop into sonic candy, like the overly-sampled pop-punk guitars on "Everybody Needs A 303" and "Going Out of My Head." He even builds an entire song out of the name "Michael Jackson." The album, whose title nods to his Chemical buddies, is well-suited for moments of pure ecstatic joy or for a long road trip on a sunny day.

THE EXTRAORDINARY

One album this year in the electronic genre really blew me away, and it somes from µ-Ziq, a.k.a. Mike Paradinas. His second jaunt into aural dyslexia, aptly titled *Lunatic Harness* (Astralwerks, 1996), is completely otherworldly. Stacatto break beats gun you down like an angry mobster while atmospheric riffs and sounds you have never even imagined transport you out of time, and out of mind. "Brace Yourself Jason," the album's lead track, is one of the most beautiful songs I have ever heard.

Equally captivating is DJ Shadow, whose debut *Endtroducing* (Mo' Wax, 1996) became a critic's pick in just about every magazine. Once primarily a remix artist, Josh Davis emerged not only as DJ Shadow, but as a pioneer in making instrumental experiments out of standard hip-hop. He is devoted to vinyl, and give props to the old school through the plethora of sampled lyrics and beats. Davis's moniker is right on: this is one dark, polluted, and utterly gorgeous disc.

Also falling into the somewhat strange category is Orbital, comprised of brothers Phil and Paul Hartnoll. Their quirky theme to *The Saint* pulled them out of obscurity, but the track's 50's film soundtrack vibe doesn't represent. Instead, check out *In Sides* (London, 1996), the group's evolving double disc set. While disc one remains a fixed album, disc two continually changes. Currently you can find versions of "Satan," which Orbital remixed with guitars from Metallica's Kirk Hammett for the *Spawn* soundtrack, "The Saint," and "The Sinner," an alter ego of the movie theme on disc two. Orbital's sound is more along the lines of µ-Ziq: often confusing, but soothing at the same time.

Look for more in coming weeks, including Massive Attack, and DJ Krush. Also, the Third Annual Buddha Awards are around the corner.

Eddie From Ohio in Clinton
Virginians captivate crowd

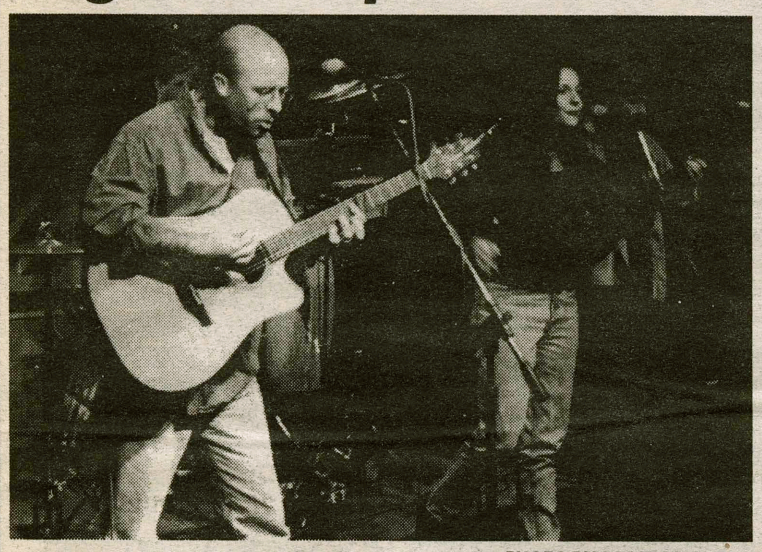


PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUSS '00
Eddie from Ohio plays to an enthusiastic audience

BY JESSICA HUNT '01
A&E WRITER

Last night at 8pm, Eddie from Ohio, the popular acoustic quartet from Northern Virginia, played for students and faculty in the Events Barn. A combination of pop, country, and folk, their music includes exceptional guitar playing and inspirational vocals which captivates the audience.

The group of four friends, two of whom have known each other since fourth grade, have been playing together since 1991. Consisting of three males, Robbie Schaefer, Eddie Hartness, and Michael Clem, and a lead female vocalist, Julie Murphy, the group started out playing locally at Bad Habits Grille in Arlington, VA and from there began touring the United States.

Named one of the East Coast's up and coming acoustic folk bands, the group was reviewed by both The Washington Post and Music Monthly, among others. Their most recent album out of three, *I Rode Fido Home*, was released in 1995, and named in the "Top 12 Independent Recordings" column in performing songwriter.

Incorporating comedy into their act, the musicians told stories and interacted with the audience. Students were dancing, clapping and singing, and many seemed to know the music very well. One freshman, Irene Agriodimas, pointed out that "they have a great stage performance." Added junior Phil Skalski, the group "harmonizes really well, which brings their music to another level."

With two guitars, a conga drum, and a maraca, the group definitely has pizzazz. Freshman Nina Sharma commented that "their percussion is awesome."

Opening for Ohio was singer/songwriter Scott Sylvester. Known as an exceptional guitarist and vocalist, his music is a combination of acoustic and mainstream pop.Sylvester was well recived and also connected well with the crowd.

The Acoustic Coffeehouse Series will continue to hold performances throughout the year. For more information, please contact CAB at extention 4515.

PHOTO COURTESY CAB
Scott Sylvester

MOVIES IN REVIEW

MAD CITY — B

COURTESY HOYT'S SANGERTOWN 8
SANGERTOWN SQUARE MALL

BY KATHY HESS '99
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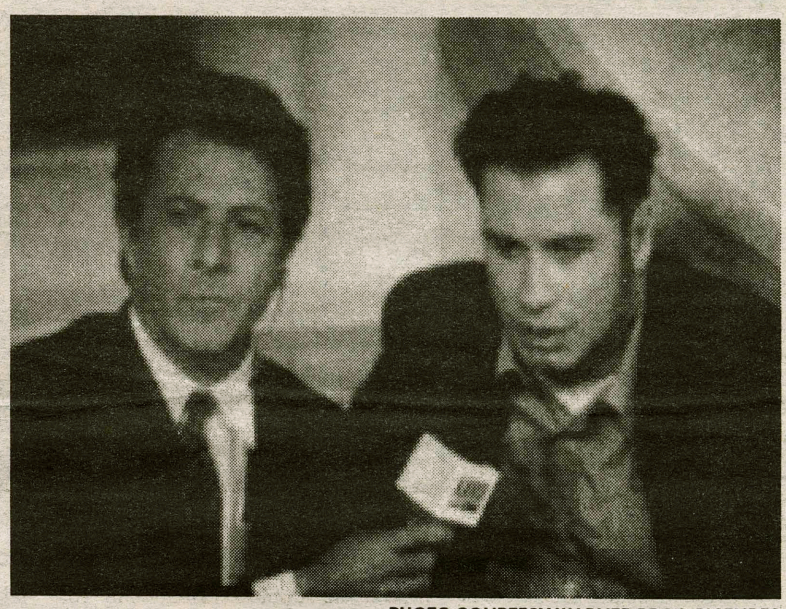


PHOTO COURTESY WARNER BROS. PICTURES
Its a Mad Mad World for Hoffman and Travolta

For a country that spends a lot of time bashing the press, the people in it seem to read a heck of a lot of it. There is enormous competition in the press world to get the story out there first, to get the first footage. The nature of that beast is what is explored in *Mad City*. This isn't the first movie with this as a subject, but it does explore its topic in a new way. A member of the press is actually a part of a breaking news story that if he manipulates it correctly, could make an upward turn in his career.

The reporter is Max Brackett (Dustin Hoffman: *The Graduate*, *Tootsie*, *Rainman*), and he is on a downward slump. After a live on-camera goof up with anchor Kevin Hollander (Alan Alda:*Mash*, *Flirting with Disaster*) he is demoted to a small town job where they don't want their reporters to push for the most flashy story. Sent to a museum that might be closing because of lack of funding, Max is fuming about having to do a "fluff piece". Luckily, while he is there a former $8 an hour security guard, who was laid off because of the money problems, comes in to talk with his former boss. Sam Baily (John Travolta: *Grease*, *Look Who's Talking*, *Pulp Fiction*) couldn't have picked a worse time to be threatening because a group of school children are visiting the museum, and there is a reporter who is dying for a story in the bathroom. Not only that, but Sam accidentally shoots the other security guard when he fires his gun without looking.

The museum hostage situation turns into a media circus. Hundreds of reporters are waiting outside to get any bit of the story that they can. Max, on the inside, does his best to work Sam to his advantage. Max advises Sam on how to do things as Sam gets more and more edgy and agitated. The biggest clear point in the film is that Sam is in way over his head, and he doesn't know what to do with himself. The only thing that he is really skilled at is playing with the children. This is brought home by the fact that he leaves his gun within easy reach of Max on several occasions, and Max never picks it up. What could have been ended easily is propelled by the media into a big mess.

This movie could have been a lot more heavy than it is, without the performances of its amazing cast. Alan Alda is appropriately egotistic as an anchor who wants Max's story. Dustin Hoffman is terrific as always. The real success is Travolta, though. He takes the vulnerable heroic character that he played for part of the time in *Face Off*, and takes it to a new level. He shows what Sam must be thinking, and gives dignity to the man that people end up sympathizing with, even though he is holding children at gunpoint.

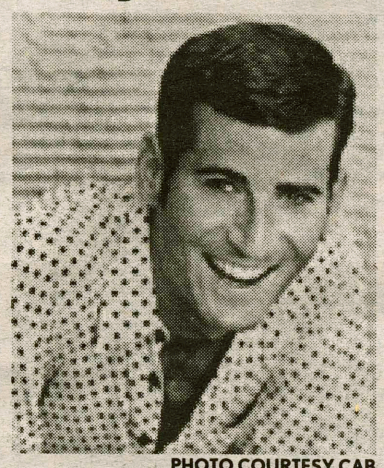
The point that the film gives most effectively is that the media tends to take ordinary people, and turn their worst (or best) life experiences into international events, without any regard for the people they are screwing with. Pieces of the film are choppy, but overall the performances of the leads carry it wonderfully.

Queen of Comedy in Barn

BY PEGGY MALLOY '01
A&E WRITER

Are you afraid of having a lame weekend this week? Fear not, instead prepare to laugh at the hilarious comedy of Michael Rasky. Rasky is the hottest new act to hit the comedy scene. Rasky is known as being "Openly gay and openly hilarious".

Michael Rasky takes the ever so touchy subject of sexuality, and transforms it into complete hilaria. Rasky's humor reaches people of all kinds , his act is universal. As Michael himself puts it, "It's about white light kind of thing about acceptance and love. It lets straight people know that we don't go out and recruit, walk up to people's doors and say, 'Hi. We're fabulous. Join us.' My act pokes fun at gays and straights in a party sort of way. This is not a talk show. This is not self-deprecating. This is fun."



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Rasky, Absolutely Fabulous

It will be a night of laughter and enjoyment for all. Come prepared to laugh at yourself, and everyone around you. The hysteria begins at 8pm, Saturday night in the Events Barn. The event promises to provide a night of pure entertainment. This performance is sponsored by CAB and admission is free.

let's be serious

Hamilton has become a dreary place of late. Fear not!!! THE WAG SOCIETY is here to help. Join us in our vigilant quest for a good laugh. We need writers, artists, photographers, editors and anyone who wants to help bring a little laughter to our lovely campus.

Drop your work in campus mail addressed to **The Wag** *or call Brian at x1712.*

This Week In Hamilton Sports

	Men's Hoops	Women's Hoops	Men's Hockey	Women's Hockey	Men's Squash	Women's Squash	Indoor Track & Field	Swimming
Fri. Nov 14								
Sat. Nov 15				Syracuse Stars 12 pm				NESCAC @ Middlebury 12 pm
Sun. Nov 16								
Mon. Nov 17								
Tues. Nov 18								
Wed. Nov 19								
Thur. Nov 20								
Fri. Nov 21			Colby 7 pm					

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College football and morals

Jason Santarcangelo
From The Front Office

Confusion Day

On what was billed as judgement day by the media, four of college football's top five squared off this past Saturday. Fans around the United States gathered in their living rooms around 3:30pm for the start of the #4 Michigan at #3 Penn State game. Most stuck around for the nightcap that pitted #2 Florida State at #5 North Carolina. The results made things a tad bit clearer.

With almost no existent performances against their opponents, Penn State and North Carolina were immediately dropped from the top five but were able to remain in the top 10. That's the easy part—you lose, you drop in the rankings. The difficult part to understand (and I don't think I ever will) is how a team can win a game and fall in the rankings.

Well, it happened again when #1 Nebraska narrowly escaped Missouri with an overtime victory. A Hail Mary aided the 45-38 victory, in the closing seconds which moved the Cornhuskers to 9-0 on the season. The Wolverines and Seminoles have also posted 9-0 records through their first nine games. So who's number one? It really depends on who you ask.

There is one month left in the college football season, and only three teams remain undefeated. Unfortunately, they may never get the chance to play each other. Florida State plays in the ACC, Michigan in the Big 10 and Nebraska in the Big 12. The Wolverines appear to be headed to the Rose Bowl but a #24 Wisconsin will get their shot this week and #4 Ohio State still has their shot. Should Florida State and Nebraska remain undefeated, they will get a shot at each other in the Sugar Bowl.

But as long as there is the possibility of two teams remaining undefeated, issues remain. Because there is not a foolproof formula or computer that can generate a number, debate will swirl. It should help when the Rose Bowl joins the Bowl Alliance (Sugar, Orange, and Fiesta) next season. It should guarantee a match up of number one versus number two.

Would a playoff system like the one used in basketball or hockey be useful? Most likely, it would not because of the nature of football. With dwindling support over the past couple of years, a playoff system is not likely. One argument against a playoff system is that football teams take a week off between games, meaning it would be a lengthy process to determine a national champion. Traditionalists fear the change and purists are still upset that the Rose Bowl will no longer feature the Big 10 and Pac 10.

I ask you, why games have not been played on back to back days? Hockey, a game many would argue is more physical than football, plays back-to-back games every weekend and occasionally a weekday game. Each game, hockey and football teams battle for sixty minutes. Sure college hockey has its polls much like basketball but by the end of the season there are enough common opponents to separate the contenders from the pretenders. There is always a team that someone feels should have made it, but no one ever said life is fair. There are over two hundred Division I college football programs. Only the top twenty-five are ranked.

Obviously, controversy in college football will exist as long as the polls exist. Teams will be criticized for every play, point, and mistake. It is not right to expect teams to dominate every game. The players are human. The players are in college. They are student athletes, much like the ones here at Hamilton, except *perfection is expected every Saturday*. Many will never see the pro ranks. These warrior poets play the game because they love the game.

What does it all mean?

Everyone wants to be number one. I believe we (as a society) are putting too much emphasis on winning in college sports. Society has taken legendary Green Bay Packer Coach Vince Lombardi's motto, "Winning isn't everything it's the only thing" too far. Too often we forget Lombardi coached professionals, who are expected to be near perfect, if not perfect. They are paid to play. It is a job.

Some argue scholarships are payment for playing. Aren't scholarships the opportunity to get an education? No other college sport seems to have the problem of deciding who is number one. The media generated polls place too much pressure on the institutions fielding football teams.

To the surprise of the many at BU, the school announced on October 25 it would discontinue its football program at the end of this season. Is it because the Terriers have won only one game this season or because in their last twenty-nine games, they have lost twenty-six? It is puzzling; I can not understand why a school such as Boston University would cut athletic programs. I know difficult choices have been made in the past when issues of gender equity (Title IX) have come into question. Why cut a program on the basis of financial reasons?

If financial reasons are the sole determinant to maintain college athletic teams, we better start cutting. Maybe I'm wrong but I am firm believer that collegiate athletics are just as much a part of the college experience as academics and extra-circulars. College athletics are an opportunity to expand horizons. They teach and reinforce life skills such as teamwork, dedication, and commitment.

Excelling on the athletic field in college is icing on the cake. If you can leave school confident you have learned how to learn then you are way ahead of many people. If you can leave college with All-American status or a national championship ring you are fortunate.

I think it is important to consider the meaning of another famous Lombardi quote: "The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are much more important than the events that occur."

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome Sports Editors, Damon and Elliott, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer *Sports Editor*	Elliott Nix *Spectator Sports Editor*	Santax *Associate Sports Editor*	Jordan Crosby Freshman *Guest #16*	Charlotte Shilling Freshman *Guest #17*
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Washington at Montreal 11/15	Montreal	Montreal	Montreal	Montreal	Washington
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New Jersey at Buffalo 11/15	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Buffalo
NFL					
Washington at Dallas 11/16	Washington	Washington	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Carolina at San Francisco 11/16	San Fran	San Fran	San Fran	San Fran	Carolina
New England at Tampa Bay 11/16	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	New England
Buffalo at Miami 11/17	Miami	Miami	Miami	Buffalo	Miami
College Football					
Michigan at Wisconsin 11/15	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Michigan	Wisconsin	Michigan
Washington at UCLA 11/15	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	Washington	Washington
Auburn at Georgia 11/15	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Notre Dame at LSU 11/15	Notre Dame	LSU	LSU	Notre Dame	Notre Dame

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Seniors victorious in farewell game

Hamilton dismisses Bates in season closer

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nine times for 31 yards, including a one-yard touchdown run that made the score 17-7 early in the fourth quarter. "It was fun to get in there and run as much as I did," said Loverro. "I was happy to score a touchdown at home and in front of my family. Loverro scored two touchdowns, both in short yardage this season.

"The offensive line deserves a lot of the credit," added Loverro. "They create the holes and I just run to them. "I was surprised Coach Davis put me in so early on the drive, because usually he only puts me in on short yardage plays, especially near the goal-line. The conditions were terrible and we tried to pound it in. I got the ball and just held on to it as hard as I could."

Defensively, Loverro was again solid. He had six tackles, and one sack, while constantly making his presence known. "I did my job all season," Loverro continued. "When everyone does their job, it helps everything come together." Buddy LaSala '98 again led the defense in tackles. It was the eighth straight game that LaSala led the Continentals in tackles. He had nine against Bates, and he finished the season with 78.

Loverro and LaSala were two of the strongest senior defensive players on the Continental roster. "Playing defense and leading the team in tackles was a privilege," said LaSala.

"I went out and just did my job. I loved playing with those guys, and that is what was most important. I can hold my head up high, regardless of our record, because I know I did all I could." Loverro added, "I feel lucky to have played and know that I did the best job I could have done every week."

Execution was a problem all year for the Continentals. "Talent, coaching, and a solid game plan were there every game, but the problem a lot of times was that we didn't execute," said Peters. LaSala differed slightly in his analysis, getting more specific about problems that plagued the team. "The inexperience of the offense hurt us this year. The defense carried us even though we had a couple of letdowns."

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> **-Inside linebacker Buddy LaSala '98**

The Continentals lose 20 seniors, including their captains, and eight of eleven defensive starters. "The team will vote for new captains after Christmas break, because we like there to be new leadership during the offseason," explained Frank. "We'll go right back to the drawing board, and we will take nothing for granted. Everything we have done this season will be analyzed, and we'll see where we need to improve."

Recruiting becomes the immediate next step for the coaching staff as it tries to add depth to next seasons' roster. Players will continue with their weight and conditioning programs during the off-season. Frank added that there was need for improvements in many areas, including wide-receiver, running back, and defensive back.

The Bates victory was the final game for so many essential players. Antoni. Bennett. Finely. Kelly. LaSala. Loverro. Martucci. The list is endless. Basztura. Burlingame. Dowd. Eakin. Eisenberg. Fish. Kruk. Markowski. Velazquez. Twenty seniors will be hard to replace. Clausen. Lotito. Padilla. Stedman. Some may have played more than others, but all were crucial in their own way.

"It hasn't hit me yet," said Loverro of the end of his career. "This season didn't turn out the way I wanted, but I have lots of memories." LaSala added, "I haven't had time to think about it yet. I'll have time to enjoy it all when I look back, and have seen us grow as men. I wouldn't trade these four years for the world.

The 1997 season closed with coach Frank raising his record to 9-0 against Bates, while the Continentals were at their best. The defense allowed a measly 143 total yards, easily matching its best effort of the season. There will be a lot of talent returning to the roster next season, and there will also be many new faces. One thing that will be impossible to match is the intensity which was displayed by this group of seniors. They are irreplaceable.

Volleyball wraps up fall campaign

Spikers look to next season

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First year standouts for the team this year included Corey O'Malley, a setter and defensive specialist, Erica Simpson, a middle hitter, and Kara Sterling, an outside hitter. Sophomore players were Cari Carpenter, a defensive specialist, Sara Tschampel, a setter, Ginny Whitford, an outside hitter, and Alicia Leonard, a middle hitter. The team had no seniors this year, but was led by outside and middle hitter Jen Lentek, and defensive specialist Emily Cooney.

It is always impressive when a young team can show the maturity to compete at a consistently high level over the course of a long season. Considering the youth of the team, Coach Diehl and her players are proud of their efforts this season. As they look to next year, they all expect, and rightly so, a continued improvement. The experience of this season will certainly contribute to a stronger squad next fall.

The women's volleyball team would like to thank their loyal fans, who supported them though all of their home matches and even many of their away matches.

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Crew team finishes incredible season

BY HEATHER CASE '99
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton crew team has had one of the most amazing seasons in its history this past fall. Under the dynamic coaching of Kevin Cotter the team has made incredible strides.

The crew team experienced many firsts this fall season. Two varsity boats competed in the Head of the Charles, with the men assuring themselves an entry into next year's race.

Until this past season, many schools did not look to Hamilton as serious competition, but all that changed this season, and the last race of the season for the novice's was no different.

The final race of the season was the Wilee Chase Regatta, in Rochester, NY. Hamilton took three novice women's eights and one novice men's eight. Only the second race of the season for the novices, they went out and showed Hamilton's growing competitive edge.

Hamilton was up against some incredibly strong schools, such as Cornell, Colgate, and Syracuse. The women's A boat dominated the race, coming in first place out of twenty five boats, almost thirty seconds ahead of second place Cornell.

This first place win is an important step in the crew program's strive for varsity status and another first for the team to add to its list of accomplishments this season.

The women's B boat place fifteenth, and the C boat placed twenty four. The men's boat placed seventeenth. The novice crew team made an incredible showing for a Hamilton novice team.

The novice program has made great strides this year under the coaching of Kevin Cotter and Matt Damseaux. The novice women have help prove that Hamilton Crew is a force to be reckened with. The novice men and women should all be proud of their accomplishments--all their hard work and dedication paid off.

As the team prepares to enter the long season of winter training, the hopes of an even more successful spring season will motivate the team to push its limits everyday in every practise throughout the snowy months ahead.

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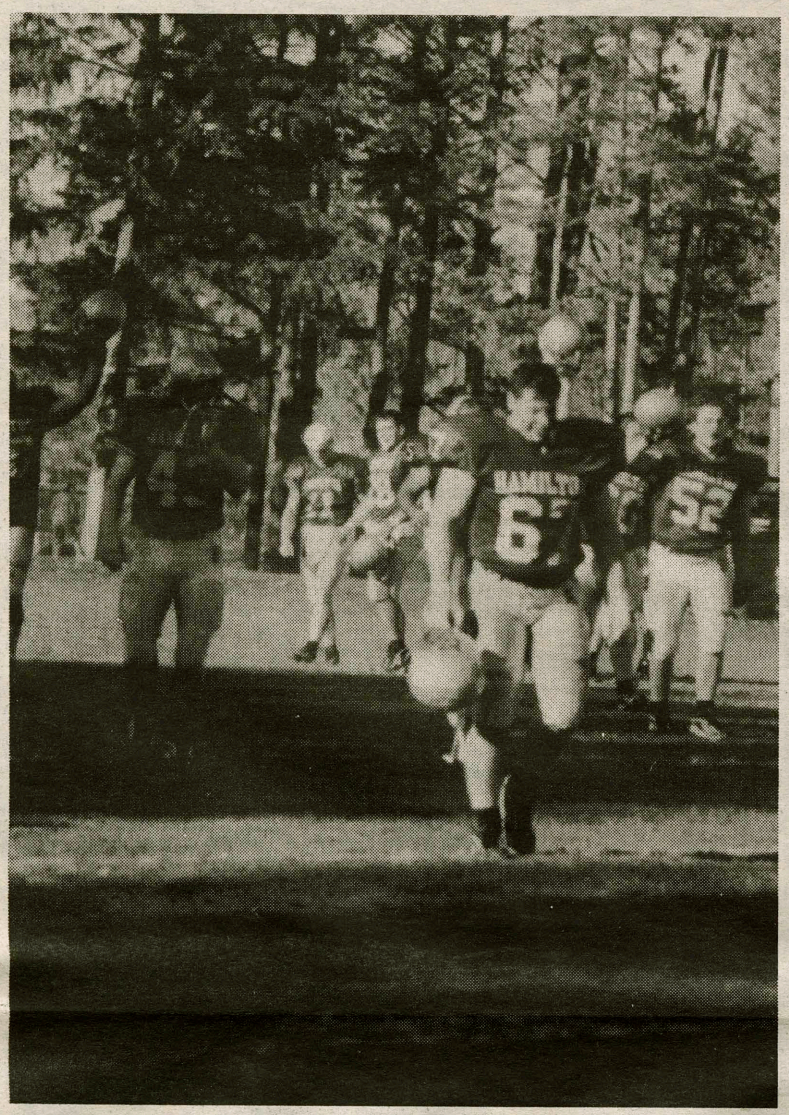
Football beats Bates 17-7 in final game



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Chris Antoni '98 and his teammates raise their helmets in celebration of their second win of the season.

BY PETER RINGEL '01
SPORTS WRITER

As they walked off the bruised, muddy field Saturday, they had the look of champions. There was a magical aura about them. With their impressive 17-7 victory over Bates, the Continentals closed out their 1997 season.

It was evident from the start that the Bobcats were overmatched. "I knew the game was never in question," said Continental head coach Steve Frank after the dominating performance his team displayed in their season finale. "I always felt we were in control."

"We played really well," said quarterback Robbie Peters '00. "The offense came out slowly, but we picked it up after half-time and moved the ball a lot. We just needed to execute and that's what we did."

Peters completed 7 of 13 passes for 81 yards in the first half, and ran for the Continentals' first touchdown in the second quarter. Running backs Chris Kelly '98 and Karl Knight '00 combined for 40 yards rushing in the first half to bolster the offense.

Kelly had a solid season, but was hampered by an injury he suffered earlier in the season. He proved to be both dependable and effective throughout the season. In Kelly's absence, Knight shined. He finished the season with 426 yards rushing and 254 yards receiving.

The Continentals had some big pass plays in the first half. Peters hit wide-receiver Mike Padilla '98 for a 31-yard gain in the first quarter, and then connected with tight-end Brian Stedman for 9 yards. In the second quarter, Peters also connected with Kelby Valenti '99 for 12 yards.

Outside linebacker Frank Loverro '98 bolstered the running attack in the second half. He rushed

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Women's x-country places top ten

Lesley Vars '00, Katie Wasilenko '99, Kate McAuliffe '99, Kate Dalke '98, Tara Woolford '99, Emily Hill '01, Elizabeth Guancial '01, Elizabeth Georgian '01, (Front) Stacy Tysinski '99 & mascot Toby pose after an impressive top ten finish.

BY KATIE WASILENKO '99
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team battled to an unexpected top 10 finish at the state meet last weekend in Brockport, NY.

The amazing rebound this past weekend at the NYSCTC Championships were led by juniors Tara Woolford and Katie Wasilenko, who finished 10th and 19th respectively, and followed by Stacy Tyksinski '99, and Emily Hill '01, who finished in the top 50, Hamilton placed sixth overall with three Continental runners in the top thirty overall.

The team's sixth place finish was the surprise of the competition since they were not even ranked in the top 10 coming into the meet. Special honors were also given to Tara Woolford who was selected to join the All-NYSCTC team after finishing in a time of 19:24.

Katie Wasilenko finished in nineteenth overall with a time of 19:43, while sophomore Stacy Tysinski was the third Hamilton runner in under twenty minutes with a time of 19:58.

The team was rounded out by Katie Mcauliffe '99, Beth Georgian '01, Kate Dalke '98, Elizabeth Guancial' 01, and Lesley Vars '00. Overcoming injuries and braving freezing temperatures, the women's cross-country team showed that they have the ability to pull it together under pressure, and that they are prepared and ready for any and all challenges they may encounter at the regional meet this Saturday in Saratoga, NY.

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Volleyball ends season at NESCAC Tournament

BY JOHN WYATT GREENLEE '98
SPORTS WRITER

The women's volleyball team finished their season this past weekend at the NESCAC tournament, with losses to Wesleyan College and Trinity College. Going into the tournament with a record of 10-13 the team hoped to close the season on a high note. The women were looking forward to a rematch with Trinity, to whom they had lost a close match over parent's weekend. The team set off for Tufts College, outside of Boston, with high expectations.

Victory over Trinity again proved elusive, and the Continentals lost in four games to a scrappy Trinity squad. They went on to play a powerful Wesleyan team the next morning. After losing the first game the Continentals rallied and took Wesleyan to the brink of a fifth game before succumbing to the Cardinals strong outside hitters and 6'3" middle hitter. Despite losing, Coach Julie Diehl called the match one of the teams best performances of the year.

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> **It is always impressive when a young team can show the maturity to compete at a consistently high level over the course of a long season.**

Junior Jen Lentek, who led the team in kills and digs, both over the course of the season and during the tournament, was named to the NESCAC Honorable Mention All Tournament Team. Both Lentek and sophomore setter Sara Tschampel were also named to the NESCAC Honorable Mention All Conference Team. Tschampel led the Continentals in setting this season.

The season was one of ups and downs. The Continentals began the season with a win over cross-town rivals Utica, and the next weekend beat both Union and Clarkson at home. The women then lost their first match of the season to perennial powerhouse, and nationally ranked, Cortland.

The team finished tied for third place at the UCAC tournament, losing out to Rochester and Skidmore. The women lost to Middlebury and Trinity, but the next weekend played well in the Hall of Fame tournament at Smith and Mount Holyoke, beating Bowdoin outside of pool play. The following weekend the women won their own tournament, the Hamilton Invitational, which set them off to the NESCAC tournament, going in the right direction.

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